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SUPER CYCLISTS RAISE £20,000 ON MARATHON RIDE

THERE were celebrations all round last Sunday as a group of cyclists from Cowbridge and the Vale arrived back home after a 750-mile marathon cycle ride in aid of charity.

Friends and supporters gathered to welcome them at Oscars, and celebratory champagne and long, cold beers were in equal demand – after one long, hot final day in the saddle.

The group, with Julian Hitchcock and Geoff Graham leading the way, had cycled through, Scotland, Ireland and Wales before they reached their final destination.

(See page 5 for a full report).

RIGHT: It was a tired but happy group who made it back to Cowbridge last Sunday. (PHOTOGRAPH by MIKE WILCOCK).

'We've been litter picking in our lane for 27 years!'

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

A WOMAN in Llansannor has made the Vale Council an offer, after discovering that her lane won't be litter-picked because it is too dangerous for workmen – she will do it herself!

Mrs Sharon Clancy, told The GEM: "I and others have been cleaning the lane for 27 years already!"

Mrs Clancy explained that she had complained to the council about the lack of litter-collecting on the lane, and had been advised that "it was too dangerous" for people to work in rural areas.

She explained that in a letter she was told a health and safety assessment of her road would require the council to request a road closure so work could be carried out, and because it would cause residents inconvenience, it would only happen if the litter itself was a danger to road users.

She said: "The ironic thing is that litter falls off the back of the council lorry as it whizzes about the country lanes!

"Of course, if people didn't throw litter everywhere, we could dispense with litter-pickers entirely and save a small fortune for the council.

"It is perfectly acceptable for residents to risk life and limb collecting litter while out walking the dogs, though!

"I have offered my services to the council, absolving them of any responsibility for my health and safety for a fee – as I and others have been doing it for 27 years already.

"I have also requested a considerable reduction in my council tax, as I am not being offered the same services as those residents living in town."

Mrs Clancy pointed out to the council that people walk, ride and walk dogs along the lanes, telecom engineers carry out repairs, and farmers move livestock.

She said that while the council had replied courteously to the issues she had raised, she felt the situation faced by people in rural parts of the Vale was "farcical".

The council had also pointed out that communities could take part in initiatives such as the 'Tidy Towns' scheme, which supplied litter picking equipment, although it warned there was "a need to be vigilant in heavily-trafficked areas".

Mrs Clancy added many people might be surprised to know that the council would not litter pick if there was no pavement.

She added that it had taken four calls to get black bin bags.

"For nearly £2,000 a year, I would like to get something from the council!"

Clifford Parish, operational manager for waste management and cleansing, said: "The council cleansing service of all relevant lands is in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Government's Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse and Associated Guidance 2007.

"This specifies that roads in more rural areas should only be cleansed when they are either heavily affected by litter and/or refuse with significant accumulations; or have at least widespread distribution of litter and/or refuse with minor accumulations.

"Should a road not be littered to this extent, there is no duty requirement for it to be cleaned."

He explained that the council had to take health and safety into account.

"If necessary, due to health and safety concerns, works would normally be carried out during periods of low vehicle use – such as early mornings or weekends and would require traffic control measures.

"A risk assessment of this operation suggests that road closures are required to undertake the work safely.

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Litter eyesore spoils the view

MY husband and I enjoy a Sunday drive out to the lake at the Knap, Barry.

If the weather is good, we sit for an hour and watch the radio-controlled, model boat and ships – also the swans, ducks and gulls are a joy.

Only one thing spoils all this – the rubbish and debris lying all around.

Is this any wonder, though? I have counted only four or five waste bins around the whole of the lake.

The lack of bins is especially noticeable at the back of the lake near the benches where people sit.

Please can the council do something to correct this problem?

It might encourage more people to be 'tidy' and keep the area as it should be – a pleasant place to visit, take the kids, and walk dogs.

Sue Brown, Rhoose

'Tesco store will damage Rhoose'

MAY I respond to the letter in last week's edition of The GEM, supporting the proposed arrival of Tesco in Rhoose?

To suggest that this will rejuvenate the village is naive at least, as Tesco's sole aim in life is to put everyone else out of business.

Rhoose will soon be a ghost town with one shop, as the others will not be able to compete.

Already shops are shutting in the village, through rates and rent hypes.

Anybody who lives on Fontygary Road will see traffic noise double with large articulated lorries bouncing over the speed ramps at 4am in the morning.

With 350 new houses planned, traffic will be even worse. It's no use monitoring traffic when the damage is already done!

To suggest that the weekly shop will be done by people on foot or bicycles is just laughable.

As usual, this was kept quiet and the council won't object, as they only see the financial gain from rates etc.

Obviously, Mrs Spear thinks the arrival of a shop is more important than the damage it will cause to the environment of the village.

Mr and Mrs GE Lages, Rhoose

Why should *I* pay for broadband?

I believe an idea was put forward and incorporated in a Bill going through parliament, at the proposal of the Labour government, whereby everyone in the country would have broadband and those with landline phones would have to pay 50p a month, *ad infinitum* – I suppose to pay for it!

What happens, I wonder, to someone like myself who doesn't want broadband and would very much resent having to pay for it, especially when we consider how very high phone rental already is?

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NO-ONE CONDONES CLAIMANTS WHO CHEAT ON SOCIAL BENEFITS, BUT...

What about the tax fraud by the rich?

THE government say they are concerned that "hard-earned taxpayers' money is being stolen from the taxpayer".

I'm sure that any right-minded person would want to cut benefit fraud – but not to the detriment of those who genuinely deserve it.

But why is the bigger problem of tax avoidance and evasion totally ignored? Estimates of loss to the economy by major companies range from £20bn to £95bn.

Even at the lower figure, that represents a four times bigger problem than benefit fraud, so where's the plan by the government to tackle this fraud in the upper echelons of society?

The big financial institutions who are responsible for the current economic crisis, have already got away with their actions by continuing to award themselves high salaries and huge bonuses while hospitals, schools, and public sector staff have to suffer.

It's plain that the government are now targeting the poorest end of society again, whilst letting their rich friends escape any blame or prosecution for their tax fraud.

So much for the trite government statement that *"we're all in this together!"*

(Name and address supplied)

Airport answers parking critics

I WRITE in response to the letter from Mr Crabtree in The GEM on August 5 (concerning airport parking).

The £1 drop-off and pick-up charge introduced at Cardiff Airport is a direct consequence of the investment made to the forecourt area in front of the terminal.

If an airport is to make any alternations to the terminal front, it is required to have introduced more stringent security measures with regard to the distance between vehicles and the front, a minimum distance, preventing vehicles from being able to reach the terminal.

As Cardiff Airport has received planning permission to redevelop the terminal, it therefore must also comply with these requirements going forward.

The airport has invested in the redevelopment of the area, car parks and signage, so there is a direct relationship between the substantial cost of implementing these measures and the charge applied.

Other UK airports, such as Newcastle, Birmingham, London Luton and soon to be launched Edinburgh, also operate similar drop-off and pick-up arrangements and charges.

Visitors to the airport have the option of using the new priority drop and go and priority pick-up areas outside the terminal for £1, or the free drop-off and pick-up area in the long stay 1 car park. For those with reduced mobility, there is also a special assistance vehicle operating to the front of the terminal.

Baggage trolleys are available in all of the airport car parks and these bays are checked and stocked regularly throughout the day.

I would urge Mr Crabtree to contact us directly with his complaint and leave a message with his contact information of the specified number; all complaints will be answered within five days.

Margaret James
Head of Customer Service, Cardiff Airport

What happened to the buses?

LAST Wednesday morning, I set out to catch the special bus to the Vale of Glamorgan Show at Rhoose, and before leaving the house, I rang the telephone number given in The GEM to confirm times and pick-up points.

I arrived at the bus stop in St Athan in good time to catch the 11.25am bus, and stood there waiting with several other would-be passengers.

We agreed that the bus may be delayed a little due to traffic; however, when it had not appeared by 12noon, I rang the bus company and was told that: "*Yes, we are running late due to traffic, the bus is in Cowbridge and should be with you in 15-20 minutes*".

At 12.45pm, there was still no sign of the bus, and I rang again as by now the 11.25am was well over an hour late and the scheduled 12.25pm already 20 minutes overdue.

The response to my second call was that, of course, traffic was heavy and also the buses were picking up passengers at stops on the way. (In fact, traffic heading from Llantwit Major toward Barry was noticeably lighter than usual).

I, and the other people at the st Athan stop, agreed that the service given was totally unacceptable and decided that as EST, the bus operator, could not be trusted to give reliable service or information, we would abandon the idea of visiting the Vale Show.

I would suggest that whoever is responsible for giving the contract to EST does not do so in future, but attempts to find a more reliable and customer-orientated bus company.

XV Cooper, Gileston

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur	02.16	7.7	15.06	7.6
20 Fri	03.46	7.5	16.22	7.7
21 Sat	04.57	7.9	17.25	8.3
22 Sun	05.53	8.4	18.08	8.8
23 Mon	06.35	8.8	18.54	9.2
24 Tues	07.11	9.1	19.25	9.4
25 Wed	07.43	9.3	20.01	9.5
26 Thur	08.14	9.2	20.29	9.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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Ellen and Lisa triumph

Two Cowbridge songbirds take Eisteddfod prizes at Ebbw Vale

TWO Cowbridge sisters have both won singing prizes at the recent National Eisteddfod in Ebbw Vale.

What is more, Ellen and Lisa Williams will have plenty of opportunities to retain their titles, as they were among the youngest in their age group.

Ellen, a former Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupil, is 19 and in her first year at Exeter University, where she is studying French and Spanish, while 16-year-old Lisa is still at the Welsh medium school, and is awaiting her GCSE results.

Ellen was the winner in the under-21 Welsh folk song category, singing 'Y Bore Glas' and she also took second place in the Welsh solo song -– this time in the 19- 25 age group.

Lisa Williams (left) and her sister Ellen, who both took singing prizes at the national Eisteddfod.

In Lisa's case, her victory came in the under-19 girls solo category, singing 'Y Elyrd' by Eirian Jones.

The two sisters have always been keen singers, and both studied under the Ysgol Iolo Morganwg music teacher, Eleri Roberts.

In fact, Lisa still takes regular classes, while Ellen is singing 'for fun' now while in university – including developing an *a cappella* vocal group.

TIME FOR TEA, LADIES!

ABOVE: Enjoying a real cuppa at the home of Mrs Dee Hayes on Sunday, August 8.

THE fine ladies of Aberthin were out in force on August 8, supporting Mrs Dee Hayes' fundraising garden party for the Aberthin children's Christmas party.

As the sun warmed their backs, the ladies were able to browse the stalls selling garden plants and jewellery.

A fine array of home-made cakes were provided by Mrs Hayes and friends, while The Linen Cupboard set a civilised tone to the afternoon with fine bone china, silver teapots and table linen.

The event managed, with the help of a raffle and donations, to raise more than £120. Mrs Hayes would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the event and all those who helped to make the day a great success.

Annual show returns to St Nicholas village

AFTER 20 years, St Nicholas Produce Show is being revived.

It will take place on Saturday, August 28, aiming to bring out the best in local gardeners, cooks, chefs, artists and children!

Classes are open to residents of St Nicholas, St Georges, Dyffryn, The Downs and Bonvilston, and to pupils of St Nicholas Primary School.

As well as the usual vegetable, floral and crafts classes, competitions include 'the largest marrow' and 'the longest bean', not to mention 'the tallest sunflower in the village'.

There's also a special class for gentlemen, whose challenge will be to bake the perfect Victoria Sandwich (don't worry – the recipe is provided!).

The show at St Nicholas Church Hall, will be open to visitors from 2pm, with results and presentations at 3pm. Entry is free and there are plans for displays of work by local people, including miniature working carousels by Mr Bernard Vickery of Dyffryn Close.

Copies of the show schedule can be collected from the following places (which also have boxes for entry forms): St Nicholas Church porch; the Village Shop, Bonvilston; the Greendown Inn, St Georges. They can also be obtained by email, either via the village website www.stnicholasinthevale.co.uk or from the show secretary, Hannah Fuller hannah.fuller@btinternet.com.

Ruth Evans

Two Vale men sentenced for benefits fraud

TWO Vale residents have been sentenced by magistrates in Barry after admitting unlawfully obtaining benefits totalling more than £10,000.

Mark Duhig of Eastgate in Cowbridge failed to advise the council that he was in receipt of an Army pension when claiming for housing and council tax benefit.

He then subsequently failed to notify when his Jobseekers' allowance ceased and he had started work.

His actions resulted in a total overpayment of £9,774.32, and he was sentenced to 250 hours unpaid work.

Graham Christie of Lime Grove, St Athan, failed to notify the council regarding a change of circumstances when he started working, which resulted in an overpayment of £1,196.80.

Mr Christie, who has been previously prosecuted by the council for a similar offence in 2006, received a sentence of 120 hours unpaid work and was ordered to pay £80 costs.

In addition, both men are expected to pay back the money they were not entitled to receive.

These cases were identified as a result of the council participating in data matching to identify fraud and error.

Members of the public can report their concerns through the Vale Council's free and confidential fraud hotline – 0800 731 2525.

'Swallow' flies in to speak at Cowbridge U3A

COWBRIDGE U3A held their 15th annual general meeting on Wednesday, August 11.

In his chairman's report John Farrier confirmed that the club continued to go from strength to strength and thanked the members of the committee for all their hard work and support in the last year.

John also told the meeting that two long-standing members of the committee were standing down this year – Nora Gavin who has held various committee positions, including that of secretary, over the last eight years, and Isabel Jeffreys who has been secretary for the past five years.

John thanked them both for all their hard work and this was warmly supported by all.

After the AGM, members were treated to a very entertaining talk by Glynis Holland, who is a member of U3A in Plettenberg Bay, Johannesburg, South Africa. The 'Plet U3A' has been running for seven years and in that time membership has increased from 15 to in excess of 400.

Membership is truly international. Glynis is part of a sub group who are known as the Swallows, because they migrate to and from Britain each year.

Glynis spends six months in each country and, while in the UK, works as a nurse in the private health sector.

They have a very wide range of interest groups including not only wine appreciation but wine making as well.

Like Cowbridge they have an active walking group and pictures of the coastal scenery and rugged terrain they encounter proved that this activity is not for the faint hearted.

The vote of thanks to Glynis was proposed by Dafydd Evans and received the usual enthusiastic support of all those present.

ROBERT CLARKE

COWBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUB

THE latest results from Cowbridge Bridge Club are as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, club night August 9: 1st, Mike Best and David Birt 61.81 per cent; 2nd= Mary Moore and Peter Bugden 57.41; 2nd= Terry Evans and Alan Lewis 57.41; 4th, Marjorie and Dennis Smith 57.18; 5th, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner 56.25; 6th, Amy Owen and Debbie Rosevear 55.79.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club, club night August 10: 1st, Pat and Brian Swain 72.92 per cent; 2nd, Hugh Williams and Gordon Berrey 66.67; 3rd, Amy Owen and Glenda Roberts 60.83; 4th, Ann Miller and Judy Springett 59.85; 5th, Marian Arnold and Margaret Bancroft 58.33; 6th, Mary Thomas and John Ireson 52.92.

We have room for a few new members after the renovation of the Llanbleddian Church Hall. Please contact Brian Swain on 01446 773596.

COWBRIDGE MAN HAS DISCOVERED HIS 'DORMANT' CYCLING TALENT

A FORMER Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupil who is now living in America has found success at cycling.

Brendan Sullivan, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, recently took the USA National Masters title in the age 45–49 time trial.

His parents, Aubrey and Winifred, and three brothers, Liam, Seamus and Colum, all live in the Vale, and are watching his progress with great interest – because Brendan only took up cycling four years ago.

His progress has been so rapid that he won a Welsh masters event only two years after switching from road running – a decision forced on him by recurring knee problems.

As a pupil in Cowbridge, Brendan was selected for Wales at cross-country, and then ran as a club athlete for Cardiff.

He moved to America 10 years ago, and kept up with his running until the knee problems made him consider changing sports.

His father, Aubrey, said that the family were all a bit surprised to find he had such an aptitude for cycling.

He said: "To win the USA Masters was absolutely fantastic. Cycling is a much bigger sport out in America than it is here, so the competition is tough."

Brendan's next big challenge is at the end of this month, when he competes in the World Championships in Austria.

ABOVE: Brendan Sullivan

Rotarians around the Vale are rallying to flood disaster appeal

COWBRIDGE Rotarians are taking part in the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) appeal to help victims of the Pakistan floods.

Donations to the RIBI Donations Trust Pakistan Flood Appeal will be used to aid the long-term rebuilding of communities in the affected areas.

A spokesman said: "This is a tragedy of an unimaginable scale. Those who survived the initial flooding are now living in fear of what may happen next.

Rotary members are working hard to provide a future for them and this fund will go some way to bring hope and stability."

Cowbridge Rotary Club has already sent two Shelter boxes to the disaster area.

Rotary clubs around the Vale are responding to the plight of victims of the floods.

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Super snapper David (aged seven) scoops poster prize

RIGHT: Young David Harris' winning photo

THOUSANDS of people in Wales are set to admire the winning work of seven-year-old Super Snapper David Harris, from the village of Llandow, on a giant poster on Penarth Road, Cardiff.

Chosen from hundreds of entrants to be crowned one of the 'Top Tot Photographers of the Year' in a national competition organised by Fisher-Price and Toys R Us, 'Dinosaur', taken during a summer trip to the caves at Dan-yr-Ogof, was chosen by a panel of expert judges.

Since becoming interested in photography after taking part in a school project last year, he has become unstoppable, taking pictures of whatever takes his eye on his mum's digital camera.

As well as seeing his work recreated on as a giant poster, David won Fisher-Price toys, including a Kid Tough Camera of his own.

Spare video recorder?

I have a request for GEM readers: please ***does anyone have a video recorder they don't use?***

Would you like to donate it for the use of a handicapped person who loves his videos. The one he has is virtually worn out.

It would be well used and very much appreciated.

Please call me on 01446 793864.

Mrs Jane Ayres,
Llantwit Major

Sustainability research

A COWBRIDGE man is hoping his home town will provide research to complete his Master's degree in environmental conservation and management.

Rob McGhee, who is also involved in the Transition Town project, aims to knock on the door of 200 residents in the next few weeks.

He explained: "I will be trying to find out how resilient our community is in relation to our reliance on finite sources of energy, and looking at the potential impacts of climate change.

"There has been some media interest recently after a Government statement on energy security, and my survey will highlight the scale of resilience Cowbridge has as regards energy, the food we eat and the transport we use."

He added that the survey results will be published on the Transition website, *www.transitioncowbridge.org* and could lead to further research which may benefit the town in the future.

PUPILS LAND PRIZES ON VALE SHOW VISIT TO THE WFU STAND

Alice wins a sheep to keep

ALICE Voisey-Smith, aged eight from Llancarfan, took the first prize of a beautiful British wool sheep, in the WFU worksheets competition at The Vale of Glamorgan Show, all part of the WFU's efforts to promote taking British Wool to the 2012 Olympics.

Alice, accompanied by her mother, collected her prize from Coun Nicola Thomas, this year's chairman of the Glamorgan WFU, along with Miss Sophie Birkin, aged nine of Llantwit Major, who collected the second prize.

Coun Thomas reported that the standard of the entries was "just wonderful" and thanked all the children who took the time to visit the WFU stand at the show and enter the competition to support the British wool producers of Wales and the UK.

See Vale Show results and pictures on pages 12,16, 17, and 31.

ABOVE:
Alice Voisey-Smith and Sophie Birkin both took home a cuddly woollen sheep from the Vale Show.

WI RELAX IN THE GARDEN!

THE St Nicholas Women's Institute held a pleasant evening in the beautiful garden of Old Barn, Bonvilston on August 5.

After chatting and enjoying delicious refreshments, president Mrs Ann Bryant thanked Jan and Viv Hayes for allowing members to enjoy the evening in such delightful surroundings.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, in the hall of St Nicholas at 7pm.

Visitors and prospective members are welcome.

Charity event

THERE will be afternoon tea, cakes and crafts in the St Hilary Village Hall from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday, September 19.

All proceeds will go to St Gerrards Primary School, Lesotho.

Telephone Monica for more details on 01446 775186.

Lane litter picking is too dangerous!

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"While the council has a duty to keep public highways clear of litter and refuse, it also has a legal duty to make sure the health and safety of its staff is also met. The legislation for highways recognises this and states that the council's duty is only practical where it is safe to carry out cleansing activity."

He pointed out: "Visibility on rural roads can be limited. Where residents take it upon themselves to litter pick, this is commendable, although they are doing so at their own risk, and it would be wrong of the council not to bring these concerns to their attention.

"I am sorry if Mrs Clancy feels that my concerns for staff and the public are 'farcical'. I would rather be safe than sorry and never want to address the consequences of any unfortunate accident from carrying out activity on a road without considering the risk."

He added that he had invited Mrs Clancy to meet with the local cleansing superintendent, who would inspect the road and agree what action should be taken.

If she supplied him with details of vehicles dropping litter, he would pursue that, too.

Panto invite

THE Llantwit Major Pantomime Society is holding a meet and greet evening on Saturday, August 21, at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall.

There will be a licensed bar and therefore we ask that children and young people are accompanied by an adult.

There will be a chance to talk to members and find out about the forthcoming production of *Puss in Boots*.

Auditions for children will be held from 10am-12noon on Sunday, September 5, in the Llantonian Hall. Please note that children must be at least eight years of age by February 24, 2011.

For adults unable to attend, the first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7, in Llantwit Major Comprehensive School Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

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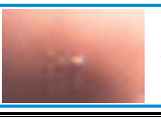

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£20,000 raised for charity...

CYCLING TEAM CELEBRATE A MARATHON 700-MILE RIDE!

A GROUP of 14 Cowbridge cyclists have returned home from a momentous 700-mile cycle journey – raising nearly £20,000 for charity.

Julian Hitchcock, the managing director of the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge, and his team of 14 cyclists began their journey in John O'Groats in the Scottish highlands on August 1, and travelled through Scotland, over to Ireland and then back home to Cowbridge.

The 14-day journey was in aid of the Velindre Stepping Stone Appeal to fight lung cancer; the most common cancerous disease diagnosed in 2,000 new patients each year in Wales.

The Stepping Stones Appeal works to provide better funding for lung cancer research, and educational grants to doctors and nurses.

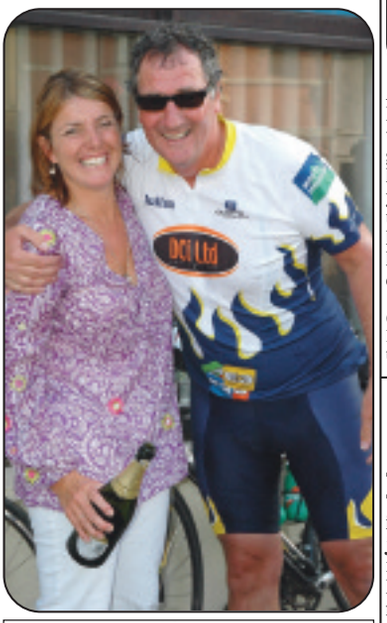
The cyclists faced the extremes of the weather while tackling mountains, lochs, seas and hills.

Julian organized the venture as part of the Brains Captains' Climb, where 15 Welsh rugby captains are attempting to climb the world's highest volcano, Mount Kilimanjaro.

The Welsh captains are hoping to raise £1million for the Stepping Stones appeal which has been made more of a reality with Julian and his team's massive contribution.

Other cyclists who took part with Julian were Geoff Graham, Esther Hitchcock. Fred Hitchcock, Lydia Hitchcock, Harry Hitchcock, Isabel Graham, Johnnie Graham, Ed Graham, Simon Rees, Caroline Hole, Paul Hole, Jessica Rees-Hole, Rachel Price.

For more information or to make a donation visit their fundraising website http://www.justgiving.co.uk/Julian-Hitchcock-Geoff-Graham .



Above:
WE DID IT! Julian Hitchcock is pictured celebrating with family friend, Sarah Dent.

Celtic harpist Alenca keeps a great Welsh tradition alive

LEFT:
Alenca Harrington thanked her tutor, Caroline Greenwood, after passing grade 8 in the Celtic harp – she now plans to styudy for a diploma.

A student from Llantwit Major, who has passed grade 8 in the Celtic harp just three years after taking up the instrument, hopes to go on to have a professional career.

Alenca Harrington (18) said: "I started learning the Celtic harp three years ago, but have to thank my tutor Caroline Greenwood for the speed of my progress.

"She has been a real support and goes out of her way to help."

Alenca, a pupil at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, has just completed A-levels in chemistry, biology and English literature, and an A-S-level in music.

Aware that aiming to be a professional musician holds no guarantees, Alenca is determined to continue with her academic studies, until she can make a choice as to what path to take.

"I plan to take a degree in science at Swansea University, but will also do a diploma in the harp with Caroline."

Alenca bought her harp at a shop in Cardiff and due to its size, she has to transport it by car. She is already used to performing in front of other people, having played at St Donat's Arts Centre, and at music colleges in Cardiff and Manchester.

Alenca doesn't believe that learning the harp is particularly more difficult than other instruments.

"Most instruments are tricky. The difficulty with the harp is that there are so many strings. You also have to be able to change the levers to alter the keys. If you are able to develop a good technique, the sound produced is better."

And what about one day performing at professional venues? "I'd definitely like to do that. It would be brilliant!"

Groups work together for Pakistan relief fund

THE Fairtrade and Transition groups in Cowbridge are joining forces to raise money for the Pakistan flood relief fund.

The group have planned an Irish Ceilidh in the town hall on Friday, September 10, as their main fundraising event. Doors will open at 7.30pm and the dancing will start at 8pm. Live music will be provided by local folk band, Thingumijigs.

Linda Osborn, of the Fairtrade group, said:

"We hope the community will support this event and bring the town hall alive with music and dancing.

"It will be fun, as well as raising money for the flood relief campaign."

Tickets cost £5 and are available from Cowbridge Town Hall, The Living Café and Little Shop of Calm, or by emailing transition-cowbridge@google-mail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN
Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

CERYS ALEXANDRA POTTER

(*August 13, 2000 – July 28, 2010*)

CERYS' family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of love, sympathy and support.

A celebration of Cerys' life will be held at a later date, at which they hope to see everyone who loved her.

Local community shocked as boy (7) loses his eye

by TIM CHAPMAN

A PICNIC in a park at Barry Island turned to horror when a youngster was struck in the eye by a stone.

Despite being rushed to hospital, the boy's eye could not be saved.

The incident took place at Maslin Park on Barry Island, a popular area for local children and families.

At around 2pm on Tuesday, August 3, the boy's family were having a picnic in the park, when the incident occurred.

Police in Barry said they were conducting a joint investigation with the Health and Safety Executive to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident which resulted in the seven-year-old losing his eye.

A police spokesman said: "He was taken to hospital and underwent surgery but the eye could not be saved.

"The investigation is looking to establish whether the stone was thrown up from a grass cutting machine, which was being used in the area at the time of the incident."

A spokesman for the Health and Safety Executive confirmed: "We are aware of the incident and are investigating in conjunction with South Wales Police."

Miles Punter, the head of visible services at the Vale Council, commented:

"We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the young boy and his family. This is obviously a very distressing experience for them. The incident is currently under investigation and it would be inappropriate for us to comment at this stage."

The local councillor, Steffan Wiliam, urged anyone living opposite Maslin Park, or passing nearby at the time of the incident, who may have helpful information, to contact the police.

He added: "The whole community has great sympathy for the family."

Any witnesses should contact the police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

VALE FATHER HAD CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON COMPUTER

A BARRY man has been given a community order for three years at Cardiff Crown Court for bringing up pornographic images of children on his computer.

Paul Christoforato, 54, admitted 14 charges of making indecent images of children.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said some of the material was "truly disgusting and depraved".

Christoforato was sentenced to a community order for three years, involving a three-year supervision order and he was also directed to participate in an internet sex offenders' treatment programme.

In addition, he was ordered to register as a sex offender for five years and to pay costs of £500.

The judge said: "I have no doubt that these convictions will have difficult manifestations for you and your family."

But, he said, they paled into insignificance compared with the abuse and corruption of the young children photographed.

The number involved, he said, was small compared with the many such cases brought before the court.

The defendant, said the judge, was contrite, his family had been caused stress and the offences were out of character.

Prosecutor David Webster said that on November 19, police searched Christoforato's home, seized his computer and found indecent images. Six were at the lowest level of seriousness and one was at the most serious level.

They involved naked children aged 11 to 14.

When interviewed, Christoforato admitted viewing the images.

"He attributed his actions to boredom rather than any paedophile inclinations," said Mr Webster.

His barrister, Andrew Davies, said: "He is totally remorseful. Sadly, he didn't give much thought to the consequences and the effect on the children. He is sorry for the shame he has brought on his family."

He said he had always been hardworking, providing love and affection.

Said the judge: "You are not being let off, this order will hang over you for three years.

AJ SICLUNA

To whom it may concern..

IF the person who stole my Toyota Celica car on Friday night, August 13, would like to ring me on 07968 171279, they can have the new aerial to replace the broken aerial on the car.

RA Hitchings,
Llanblethian

Village Show

THE fifth village show to be held in Llancarfan takes place this Saturday, August 21.

The results of the judging will be on show to the public from 2pm, and Cups and the RHS Banksian Medal will be presented at 3pm.

The appeals for patrons has had an overwhelming support for this show, which is becoming a popular annual event in the Rural Vale for both adults and local school children.

This year's show will include a marquee where cream teas will be served accompanied by a local musician, and there will be a variety of stallholders selling handmade crafts.

For further information, call Sue Taylor on 01446 781337.

£185m Corus expansion is welcomed

NEWS that Corus is to invest £185m at the Port Talbot Steelworks has been welcomed.

Bridgend council leader Mel Nott said: "This is great news and demonstrates the confidence that the company has in the south Wales area.

"This huge investment will ensure that the Port Talbot works will continue to produce steel for many years to come and has major implications for the residents who are employed there."

The company is also to look at the possibility of developing the Margam Mine, which will tap into the richest reserve of prime coking coal in the world located under Margam Mountain.

If this goes ahead, a further 500 mining jobs will be created. The £185m will be used to rebuild a blast furnace at the plant, which will increase capacity by up to 400,000 tonnes of strip steel a year.

At the moment, the plant employs 5,000 people but many more jobs are to be found among the suppliers of goods and services to the works.

The firm is also to spend £6m on geo-seismic studies into the coal reserves under Margam Mountain.

If the mine is viable, Port Talbot will be the only steel mill in Europe to source coal on-site.

The company has acquired the option to exploit these reserves and would probably develop a drift mine.

The old National Coal Board had major plans to create what was then known as the Margam Super Mine and it acquired farms and land in the Kenfig Hill area.

The pit head would have been located on land near Aberbaiden on the flank of the mountain, but the scheme was eventually abandoned in the mid 1980's and all the land was sold off by British Coal.

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10p per child to make switch, but...

Call for free range eggs in Vale schools is rejected – on the grounds of cost!

THE Vale Council could switch from supplying battery-farmed eggs to schoolchildren to free range eggs – for a mere 10p per child per year.

Recently, Coun Rob Curtis called for the Vale Council to serve only free range eggs in its schools, but the idea was rejected on the grounds of cost.

However, a recent report to a council scrutiny committee has revealed that the cost of switching from battery to free range could be only 10p per child per year.

In the report, it was stated that the council currently purchases Lion-stamped battery eggs for use by its catering service.

The contract ends on March 31, 2012, with an option to extend for an extra year. Both battery and free range eggs are available under the agreement and both types of egg are Lion-stamped.

However, the report reveals that the Lion-stamped battery eggs are £16.46 per case of 180, while free range eggs are £22.35 for 180.

During the calendar year ending June 2010, the council bought 345 cases, all of which were battery eggs.

The cost of switching to free range, says the report, will be £2,032 over 12 months, rising from £5,678.70 to £7,710.75.

The Vale Council's website says that there are 20,270 school age children in the local authority area, which means that if each child paid an extra 10p over the year, the cost of switching to free range would be completely covered.

Coun Curtis told The GEM: "We are all aware of the current financial situation, and we want our council to monitor costs closely.

"However, choosing battery eggs over free range for children is too much. I am sure parents would be happier knowing the eggs were free range."

Coun Curtis added: "Most forward thinking councils have already gone down this path."

A Vale Council spokeswoman said that the most recent council meeting had decided to "maintain the status quo" and there were no plans at present to look again at the issue

• *In a statement to The GEM, the neighbouring Bridgend County Borough Council confirmed that it only serves free range eggs to schoolchildren.*

'Transparency' will be put to a council test

THE Vale Council is continuing with its plans to record all the payments over £500 it makes to suppliers on its website.

A deadline of September has been set for this change, which is being brought in to "promote transparency in the council's affairs".

A number of exemptions to this have been announced by the council, and these relate mainly to social care payments for items such as fostering and adoption, social and welfare benefits, and student loans.

However, exactly how much information will appear on the website is still not entirely clear, because the Vale Council's director of finance and property, Sian Davies, has written to council suppliers asking if they have any objections.

She says that the website will carry the amount paid, details of the payment, and the name of the supplier.

Suppliers are invited to respond and say if they have any objections to these details being made public, and they are being asked to set out their grounds for objection.

It will be interesting to see how many suppliers will object on the grounds of commercial confidentiality.

Presumably, any firm with a council contract will have reservations (to put it mildly) about their commercial rivals seeing the price that they do the job for.

Alan Jenkins, the Vale Council's head of accountancy and resource management, said: "*It should be noted that it is presently the council's intention to publish only summary details of the charges made by suppliers, and not individual transactions.*

"Where suppliers have made a request to opt out of publication, we will consider each application on its merits, seeking advice from the Information Commissioner's Office where appropriate, before a final decision to publish is made."

WI RAISES FUNDS FOR ARTHRITIS RESEARCH

***Pictured left to right:** June Davies, Beryl Hughes, Sandra Jodrell, Ann Kent, Fred Johnson, Jeannette Chilcot and Jean Collier.*

BARRY WI organised a 'strawberry tea' in aid of Arthritis Research UK (formerly known as the Arthritis Research Campaign arc) at the home of Sandra Jodrell, the treasurer, whose husband suffers with osteoarthritis. The event was a great success and the WI managed to raise £105 for the charity, who are working to take the pain away from sufferers of all forms of arthritis.

For further details about the charity, contact the regional fundraising team, Fred Johnson, Anna-Marie Jones and Joe Taylor on 01446 722957, or email them at:

a.jones@arthritisresearchuk.org
j.taylor@arthritisresearchuk.org

With Llandough maternity unit under threat...

Health board pledges its commitment to 'excellent care' for local mothers

by TIM CHAPMAN

A REGIONAL Assembly Member has criticised plans to close the maternity unit at Llandough Hospital – which would mean mothers-to-be from the Vale having to make longer journeys into Cardiff.

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board says the proposals detailed in its 'Making a Difference' document will help to tackle issues such as duplication of services in Cardiff and the Vale.

Andrew Davies AM told The GEM: "This decision will place a huge burden on families from the Vale, who will now have to travel right across Cardiff for maternity services.

"With all projections showing an increase in birth rates, this decision goes against all of the assurances that were given when the original maternity unit was downgraded a couple of years ago."

Mr Davies said he was also disappointed that such an important decision was announced in August with the Assembly in recess.

"I feel strongly that there should have been consultation with elected members before making this decision public, particularly given the implications for expectant parents.

"What is vital now is that the additional resources that have supposedly been promised for community services are identified and clearly explained.

"It will be of no benefit to introduce short term fixes merely to placate people's concerns over the unit's closure."

Mr Davies said he has a strong personal affiliation to Llandough Hospital because his four children were born there and his wife also worked in the unit.

Mr Davies and local MP Alun Cairns met the University Health Board's chief executive last Wednesday to voice their reservations about what was happening.

Mr Cairns said: "Naturally, I am alarmed at the potential loss of the maternity unit from Llandough. I have met with the chief executive to raise my concerns.

"The development of some facilities, particularly stroke services, is great news and we need to ensure that actually happens, particularly in that this is a late change to the UHB's last strategy."

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board chief executive, Jan Williams, confirmed she had met local politicians to discuss their concerns and outline the plans in more detail.

Mrs Williams explained: "The UHB proposal to transfer the midwifery-led unit at University Hospital Llandough to the University Hospital of Wales needs to be set in the context of our commitment to maintaining choice for pregnant women – while also tackling the duplication of services across the Vale and Cardiff.

"This proposal in no way weakens our commitment to the midwifery-led model of care, and women will continue to have a choice about where to give birth; at home, at UHW in either a midwife-led or consultant-led unit, or at a hospital in a neighbouring health board area.

"Ante-natal and post-natal care will continue to be provided locally and Barry Hospital will have a major role to play in providing this care to mums in the area."

She pointed out: "Of the some 6,700 babies born in Cardiff and the Vale last year, only around six per cent were born at Llandough.

"At a time when we are nearing the completion of a new £16 million Welsh Assembly Government-funded women's unit at UHW, it is important that we take the opportunity to align our staff and financial resources to best effect.

"The new purpose-built facility will be able to accommodate the needs of all mothers, and will provide an excellent environment to support the new model of a single midwifery-led facility for mums in Cardiff and the Vale.

"The unit includes a number of rooms with birthing pools, home from home birthing facilities as well as new obstetric theatres, providing all the care a mum-to-be and her baby could need under one roof."

Mrs Williams added: "Cardiff and Vale is committed to providing excellent care for mothers and babies, and this will not change with these proposals."

CCTV arrests

CCTV operated by the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with 12 arrests in the week ending August 15.

It contacted the police on 50 occasions, with three arrests made at Holton Road, Barry, concerning theft on August 12.

Another seven arrests were made at Holton Road; one involving assault and three public order on August 13, and an additional three concerning assault on August 14.

Finally, two arrests for alleged assault were made at Railway Terrace, Penarth (August 14).

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The National Eisteddfod is coup for Vale

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council has been working with the organisers of the Welsh National Eisteddfod for some time to bring the event to the Vale in 2012.

We are delighted that the organisers have now approved the Llandow site as the venue.

The National Eisteddfod is a prestigious event, which will attract thousands of visitors to our area.

Those of us who live in the Vale will be able to enjoy an internationally-recognised social and cultural festival on our 'doorstep'. We are looking forward to working with the organisers to produce a first-class event.

Good news for Rhoose Point

Good news for Rhoose Point, too, with cabinet approval for plans that will progress much-needed development work in the area.

The council has offered administrators representing Cofton Land and Property, which currently owns the land, the chance to pay a single £20,000 'without prejudice' amount to secure a land transfer, which will allow progression of drainage and highway adoption matters.

The council cannot progress these issues until land, including the lagoons, is transferred into its possession.

We want to see all outstanding foul and surface water drainage matters resolved with Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water and general improvements made.

We have been trying to resolve the problems at Rhoose Point for some time and want to commence work as soon as possible for the benefit of residents.

Airport move

Another pleasing development is our new partnership with Cardiff Airport. Our contact centre, C1V (Contact One Vale), has been chosen to provide the airport's emergency contact service.

C1V provides a 24-hour, seven days a week emergency service to local residents and it is the first council contact centre to provide this type of service for the private sector.

In the event of a major incident at the airport, the contact centre would be the first point of call for worried relatives, travellers and the media.

C1V would also step in as the airport's emergency contact centre in the event of major disruption to air travel, such as the recent ash cloud crisis.

Forces' welfare

Finally, a new service aimed at our armed forces: The Vale Council was proud to be chosen to pilot the Ministry of Defence's 'Armed Forces Community Welfare Pathway'.

This scheme aims to improve access to services for serving and former military personnel and their families. Only three councils in England and one in Scotland have also been chosen to pilot the scheme.

A key feature of the Welfare Pathway is a new national point of contact telephone number, 08000 223366, which will increase the chance of people getting the help they need – particularly those who don't know where to turn to for advice.

If you have friends or family who are in the services, or who are veterans, please tell them about the scheme.

FOLLOW THE LEADER...

by Coun **GORDON KEMP**
Leader of the Vale Council

Steph is a top football tipster!

STEPH BATT, the wife of Stephen Batt of SJB Complete Cleaning Company, left the rest of the competition in her wake when she entered a World Cup football prediction competition at her favourite local pub The Gordon Bennett in Broad Street, Barry.

Steph receives her award from Ben Bennett.

Steph said: "I only entered the competition as a bit of fun to teach my husband a lesson. He enters the football competition every year and when he was filling in his entry, I said can I have an entry form? And he laughed at me, saying what do women know about football…leave it to the men and get back in the kitchen!"

Steph went ahead and entered, winning the World Cup Trophy and a cash prize of £300, with runner-up Mr Mike Bryl, and Mitchell Bryl and Dennis Maunder in third and fourth.

Ben Bennett (organiser of the competition) said: "She's not the only woman to have lifted the trophy.

"I don't think Steve will live this one down. There were 47 people in the World Cup competition and well done to Steph, she proved that she really does know her stuff."

The pub also runs the KGB Trophy (a prediction competition) that runs the length of the Premiership season.

This season, the competition has more than 70 people in it and has attracted attention from as far away as Australia, London and Ireland.

Vale mystery objects!

LAST week's GEM story 'UFO is a case for Sherlock' sparked a response from readers over a wide area.

Initially, three people contacted The GEM last week to say that that on Sunday, August 8 they had seen an orange-red object travelling across the sky in a westerly direction, at about the time people were settling down to watch the new BBC series Sherlock.

Mr David Thomas, who lives in Cowbridge, and was a commercial airline pilot for 28 years, was out in his courtyard at 10.30pm when he saw what looked like fireworks in the Swansea direction.

"Four disc-like objects moved from west to east toward me. The one at the rear of the formation climbed out of sight. The other three continued past and were orange, disc-like and large."

An aeroplane was in the sky at the time, so Mr Thomas was able to distinguish them clearly from it – the objects were far larger. They later appeared twice more.

Mr Thomas said he could not speculate on what the objects were, they were "unexplained".

Mr John Trudgian of Trebeferad, Llantwit Major, said: "I saw the object on that Sunday travelling in a westerly direction. It was not travelling mega fast, but there was no noise."

Two readers in Barry have reported similar sightings.

Liz Eales said: "I was looking out of my window at 10.10pm last Sunday and noticed a bright light coming from the direction of Porthkerry Park, When it got nearer, I thought it looked like a hot air balloon, but it was quite high.

"I couldn't actually see the canopy, but there were definitely flames rising from what appeared to be a basket. There were wires going up from the basket to whatever was above it. It was travelling quite fast. It was no optical illusion."

Balloons, Chinese lanterns, or something else? Whatever the flying objects were, they remain a mystery!

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DOTTIE.

Sensitive Dottie needs a kind (but firm) hand

THIS WEEK: Dottie is an eight years (*plus*) terrier who a spokeswoman says is quick to over-react when handled or restrained.

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"She is currently extremely overweight and struggles with exercise, but with a correct diet and gentle exercise, she'll soon build up her fitness, as she does love her walks.

"She takes time to build up a bond with someone and fully trust them but once she does, she is loving and loyal.

"She is housetrained and fine to be left for a few hours.{

Type of home needed: "She needs an experienced owner who is able to continue her training with regard to being handled.

"She needs an adult-only home and she needs to be the only dog in the home.

"*Please consider her, as she is really missing a home environment and the company of an owner.*"

'Those with Welsh ancestry have great pride'

Australian PM's message to the people of Barry

The Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard MP, has sent a message of thanks to the people of Barry and says she hopes to revisit the town in the future.

The message was delivered from Down Under by Frances Bedford an MP from South Australia, who visited the Senedd and met Vale Assembly Member Jane Hutt.

The message was formally presented to the Mayor of Barry Town Council, Coun Karl Kuhnell, by Jane Hutt in the Mayor's Parlour, on August 16.

The message read:

"*Countless families have emigrated from Wales to every corner of the world over the past few centuries, but all of us who share Welsh ancestry remember our origins with great pride.*

"*When I set off from Southampton on a ship bound for Australia as a four-year-old, I knew that in finding a new home I would never forget my old one – and I never have.*

"*Wales and the beautiful seaside town of Barry hold a special place in my heart and I still have memories of playing in Queen Street as child and my return visit as a teenager in the late 1970s.*

"*I was deeply touched and humbled by the messages of support from the mayor and people of Barry when I became Prime Minister of Australia, and hope to be able to return that kindness with a visit in the future.*

"*Meanwhile, I wish the people of Barry every success, confident that the spirit and tenacity of the Welsh character will bring your community a bright future.*"

Francis Bedford also brought two gifts – a gold medallion issued by the South Australian Parliament and a photograph of her with Julia Gillard.

Coun Karl Kuhnell said he was pleased to receive the message and gifts on behalf of the town.

C & G Morgan & Son win Great Taste Awards for the third, consecutive year!

C & G Morgan & Son from Blackmill, Bridgend, is celebrating after winning a prestigious UK Great Taste Award once again.

Last year the company was presented with a coveted three star Gold Great Taste Award for its rib of beef, together with a one star Gold Great Taste Award for its sirloin steak.

It is the third year in succession that Charles, Gill and their son Richard, have won a Great Taste Award, this year for their rib-eye steak.

C & G Morgan & Son is a ninth generation farming family business which runs a typical Welsh hill farm known as Gellifeddgaer on the outskirts of Bridgend.

It rears quality lamb, beef and pork, selling produce from its farm gate as well as at the Bridgend and Caerphilly Farmers' Markets.

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Resignation shock

I FEEL I must write to express my complete surprise and shock that Coun Richard Bertin of Barry has decided to resign from the Labour party – after claims that he was bullied and harassed.

Whenever I have met Richard he has always been a staunch and loyal supporter of the Labour party. For him to resign from the party to which he has given so much time and dedication must have been a major decision.

I hope his accusations of bullying are thoroughly and independently investigated by the national party, as the Labour movement cannot afford to lose hard working and committed councillors like Richard.

Gareth Evans, Cardiff

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Eisteddfod: we have a great story to tell

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

THE GEM has reported recently that the National Eisteddfod of Wales is coming to Llandow in 2012.

The weeklong event during the first week in August will attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Vale. It is the premier Welsh cultural festival, and I should add that it is not for Welsh speakers exclusively.

The week is made up of cultural competitions, political lobbying, sports initiatives, music, dance visual arts, launches of public and private initiatives and much more.

Science and technology has also become a greater part of the festival over recent years as it has adapted to changing demands. People of all ages will find plenty to do.

It is where Wales comes together in so many ways. When I attended this year's event in Ebbw Vale, the first people I met were ladies from Cowbridge Merched y Wawr – the Welsh WI.

They were championing the benefits of their organisation and welcoming people for teas and coffee, while raising money for charity in the process.

I am aware that the Vale Council, local farmers and the National Eisteddfod have been in negotiations for some time and we now need to make sure that the event is also a win for the local community and economy.

There is no doubt that hotels, guesthouses and B&Bs will all sell out. I suspect that some pubs will also do well! However, we need to ensure that local communities gain the wider financial benefit.

The Eisteddfod organisers estimate that the economic benefit for the area is in the region of £6-£8 million. However, having been to almost every Eisteddfod for the last 30 years, there is a challenge channelling that spend outside of the festival perimeter.

One café in Ebbw Vale highlighted that they had gone to the effort of translating their menus, but did not feel the gain from increased custom.

We have a great story to sell locally. During the two-year run-up to the festival, we need to be drawing attention to the fantastic shopping delights of Cowbridge, Llantwit and Barry, the privilege of the heritage coast, the challenge of local cycle routes, the delight of our local history both ancient and modern, including (of course) our Barry link to Gwynfor Evans, the Welsh language campaigner.

The Eisteddfod has a part to play in this but so do we. There will be some difficulties like traffic congestion during the week, but I hope that everyone will put those aside because shops, bars, restaurants and other businesses are winning, too.

College cyclists pedal to the aid of Barnardo's!

Left to right: Rachel Madge, David Davies, Paul Glover, Ken Allen, Paul Sebburn and Sue Jones.

STUDENTS and staff from Barry College joined together to raise nearly £1,300 for Barnardo's Cymru with a charity bike ride.

The nine cyclists joined the Barnardo's South Wales 'On Your Bike' ride, a 38-mile sponsored cycle through the Vale.

Barry College assistant head of construction David Davies, wood trades tutor Ken Allen, brickwork lecturer Paul Sebburn, part-time brickwork lecturer Paul Glover and Sue Jones who works in the college coffee shop, were joined by a group of five construction students: Alex Brereton, Nicholas Minardi, Simon Prideaux and Stephen Murray. Friends Bra Jones and Scott Jones also took part.

They raised £1,289.66 for Barnado's. Rachel Madge, events fundraiser for Barnardo's Cymru said: "We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part from Barry College. The amount raised is absolutely fantastic and will make a big difference to vulnerable children and young people in the area."

THREE HOUSES RAIDED, COURT TOLD

Local men went on 'burglary epidemic'

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

TWO young men from Barry took part in a burglary "epidemic" in Penarth one night in June.

They raided three houses and made off in two cars, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Russell Crowe (18) and Thomas Crolla (18) were each sent to a young offender institution for 14 months.

Each had pleaded guilty at Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates Court to three offences of burglary and two of taking vehicles without authority.

Judge Rhys Rowlands told them: "You acted together, the offences were at night, and no fewer than three houses were involved."

He added: "I hope you will grow up and start to behave."

Prosecutor Carl Williams said on the night of June 5, the three went on "something of a burglary spree" in Penarth.

Their first target was to raid a house in Victoria Road, where the occupants were asleep.

They took a plasma television and other items and also made off in a Mercedes 4x4, which was crashed into a wall in the drive, causing damage of £1,500; and also taken was a Nissan Almeira, which was found abandoned in Archer Road.

They then broke into a house in Stanwell Road, where the occupiers were out visiting friends. Electrical items were taken.

The next house they entered was in Westbourne Road.

Later, said Mr Williams, the two were heard boasting about their crimes.

When arrested, Crowe admitted the burglaries, and said the two of them were drunk and "skint".

Keith Edwards for Crowe, said: "As a result of this burglary epidemic, he knows he will be going into custody.

"Although it was a crime wave, nothing of sentimental value was taken.

"He has recently become somewhat destabilised because of a family bereavement."

David Purnell for Crolla, said:

"For the last two years, he has behaved in an immature way.

"Sadly, he is easily impressed, but he did have some empathy with the victims."

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 631.

- **£2000:** 188483.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

WEAVERS' TALK

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will present a talk on Wednesday, September 8, entitled 'Handwoven Letters' by Colin Squire.

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DISABILITY DANCE PERFORMANCE IS 'PICTURE PERFECT'

RIGHT: Disability dance group Local Motion performing their 'Picture Perfect' routine at the YMCA in Barry.

DISABILITY dance group 'Local Motion' has celebrated another successful year in the Vale by putting on a special dance performance at the YMCA in Barry.

Dancers with a range of disabilities and special needs performed their piece 'Picture Perfect' in front of an audience at the Motion Control dance programme's summer dance recital. They joined more than 100 other young people who showed off the skills they had learned at dance sessions throughout the year.

The 'Local Motion' group had been working on this particular routine for six weeks, after the moves were choreographed by dance tutors Sophie Squires and Sam Barnett.

Delighted with the performance, dance co-ordinator Emma Mallam said: "Dance is a great activity for all ages and abilities. It really broadens your horizons and the 'Local Motion' dancers have developed the skills required to perform in front of audiences with confidence and enjoyment."

Local Motion is funded by Children in Need, and dance is just one of the many varied sporting activities that are available in the Vale for people with disabilities and special needs.

To find out more, contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Disability Sport Wales development officer Simon Jones on 01446 704728.

'Local Motion' and other dance classes run by Vibe Experience will resume in September - *for further details, contact Emma Mallam on 01446 733622.*

Cage's Apprentice is not quite as magical as hoped for

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

IF there is one film producer out there who enjoys taking gambles it's Jerry Bruckheimer.

From making a film about a theme park ride that proceeded to slay box offices (*Pirates of the Carribean*), to making summer blockbusters that arrive with a bang and are a commercial, if not always critical, success, Bruckheimer is always at the forefront, arguably the most important figure in the films he produces.

His latest film, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, draws its inspiration from the sequence of the same name in Disney's *Fantasia*, but transported to modern day New York and in live-action.

Balthazar Blake (Nicolas Cage) is a master sorcerer attempting to defend the city from his arch-nemesis, Maxim Horvath (Alfred Molina). Looking for assistance in his fight, he recruits Dave Stutler (Jay Baruchel), who is given a crash course in the art and science of magic in the hope that he is the 'prime Merlinean'.

Together, the pair must band together to stop Horvath, and his apprentice Drake (Toby Kebbel) from raising a feared witch whose aim is to take over the world...

Nicolas Cage has had somewhat of a patchy decade, but one area where he can seemingly do no wrong is with films for a younger audience.

While the likes of *Bangkok Dangerous* and *Next* have proven to be as enjoyable as a road trip with George Michael, he has hit commercial paydirt with the likes of the *National Treasure* franchise, while also recently lending his vocal talents to the likes of *Astro Boy* and *G-Force*.

Seemingly, the actor is enjoying making more child-friendly fare, and *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* fits snugly into this description; however, much like the *National Treasure* films, this is a fleetingly pleasing, and insubstantial, affair that will entertain but not live long in the memory.

Cage's manic energy and unique acting style means that even in the most woeful of films he is watchable, and the same can be said here, with the actor offering a nice turn that hardly stretches his acting muscles.

However, given that he is playing an ancient sorcerer, you'd think that Cage would loosen the shackles a little bit and offer something a bit more interesting and exciting. As it is, he simply plays the wizened tutor role, something that he does well, but you can't help but feel this role was Cage's opportunity to do a Johnny Depp and create an indelible character, rather than a token one.

Opposite him sees Jay Baruchel take a massive leap from supporting player in the likes of *Tropic Thunder* and Judd Apatow's films, to co-lead in a summer blockbuster. It's a transformation that is not completely smooth, the actor finding his way through the early part of the film, but his likeability and charm makes him an easy to root for hero.

It's a shame that he and Cage aren't given more of an opportunity to show the teacher-apprentice relationship, the film minimising their repartee. A nice little moment where Balthazar pretends to be Dave's uncle is the only moment of this, and a few more of them wouldn't have gone amiss.

While Toby Kebbel's screen talent is wasted in a slight and underwhelming turn as Horvath's apprentice, Alfred Molina makes a wonderful meal of the scenery as the evil Horvath.

Dapperly dressed and ready for action, Molina does a good line in arch villains, and here, while he's a touch low-key, the performance works, the scenes between him and Cage sparking very well.

Considering the large amount of box office money his films have raked in, Jon Turteltaub is somewhat of an anonymous director, his films well made and executed, but lacking in any individuality or identity, and the same can be said here.

While he turns New York into a gothic world of magic and mystery where anything can be used, including, cleverly, an eagle from the side of the Chrysler Building, and offers value for money in terms of the spectacle, there is little here that Turteltaub hasn't mined before. His pass at the actual 'Sorcerer's Apprentice' sequence involving the mops is similarly technically superb, but lacks the heart of the original – plus the rejigged musical cue doesn't help matters.

The director's grasp of using effects works in spades – it is a film that hardly skimps on the CGI budget – but there is little spirit to proceedings, something that is highlighted by the climax's failure to really resonate. With the stakes involved for the characters being so high, the impact is severely lacking – and its rushed nature detracts from what is on screen.

With script input from six writers, the story is as solid as you would expect, the mix of mythology and the modern day sitting nicely alongside Turteltaub's visuals, but the characters and their motivations are too lightly sketched.

Of course, these criticisms are hardly going to bother the audience the film is aimed at – after all, the important factors that provide entertainment are all well done.

However, as a piece of work it is a serviceable portion of entertainment and nothing more, which is a shame as *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* had the scope to be more.

VERDICT – Satisfying if a touch too flat, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* will be more than magical to the target audience given how well executed the effects and spectacle are. But the rest of the film feels too lacklustre to really match the strong visual element and makes for entertaining, if slight, work. *Enjoyable*.

NSPCC thanks GEM

I WOULD like to thank The GEM for the very nice coverage in last week's paper of our garden party. I am sure all the committee members will join me in thanking you for the full page spread and the nice photographs.

Hilary Kelly
(Press Secretary NSPCC Barry Central Branch)

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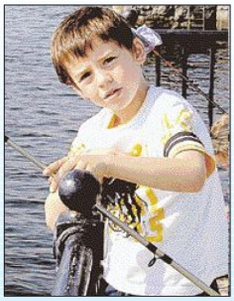

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Out and About with The GEM

Rehearsals under way for Sully play

Chris Franks AM at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, Sully.

THERE was an 'extra' at a Sully drama school's rehearsal for their latest play.

Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks attended a class for children preparing for their African-themed play 'How the Lion got His Roar'.

The South Wales Central AM said: "The children were outstanding and the costumes looked excellent. It was obvious everyone had worked hard on the project. Drama seems a good way for children to get confidence.

"The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy is involved in an ambulance appeal to raise money to improve the health of people in Tanzania, in Africa. This is a good way to get young people and children to consider the lives of others across the world."

More information is available on the website www.villageafrica.org.uk

All the fun of the fair!

COSMESTON Medieval Village is holding a fair on August 29-30 at 11am-5pm.

War with the French, plague and famine – the 'good old days of 1350' were dark and terrible times – but they still know how to have fun at Cosmeston!

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It all promises to be a fun day out at the Cosmeston Medieval Village!

Admission: Adults £5, children, OAPs and concessions £3, family (2+2) £12.

For further information, call 029 2070 1678.

Long distance cycle ride for charity funds

LOCAL residents Simon Mudie of Llandough and Jessica Hill, enthusiastic volunteers with MDF The Bipolar Organisation, are cycling 1,000 miles from John O'Groats to Lands End, on August 25 to September 9.

Simon says: "People have been very generous, and we've been pleasantly surprised how willingly they have talked about mental health once the subject is broached.

"This opening up process is the very core of what we are all doing, as it provides the gateway to mutual understanding ,seeking support, and a greater sense of social cohesiveness after breaking down some of the invisible barriers surrounding invisible illness."

There is a donation site at http://www.justgiving.com/1000milesofsmiles

Simon Mudie and Jessica Hill.

STREET SURGERY

COURT First councillor, Richard Bertin, is holding a street surgery beteen 10.30am-11.30am on Saturday (August 21) in the Hannah Street/Commercial Road area of Barry.

For further information, telephone Coun Bertin on 01446 736227.

Local PACT meetings

COURT PACT, the HUB, YMCA, Gladstone Road, Barry, between 3pm-5pm, August 19.

DYFAN PACT SURGERY, Colcot Arms public house, 3pm-5pm on August 19.

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, August 26 at 6.30pm.

BARUC PACT, Barry Island Community Centre, September 1 at 7pm.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community, August 24 at 7pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, August 31 at 7pm.

WENVOE COFFEE & CHAT, Wenvoe Arms, August 31 at 10.30am.

ST HILARY COFFEE & CHAT, St Hilary Village Hall, August 25 at 11am.

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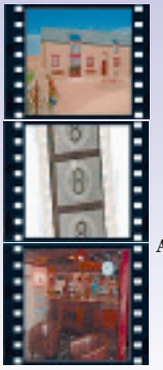

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RIGHT:
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AM's design visit

VALE AM Jane Hutt enjoyed a visit to Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School students' show of GCSE, AS, and A-Level art and design work.

She said: "The work was of such a high standard and it was inspiring to see the range of design technology and products made, especially the furniture and lights, which were all very marketable."

Ruckleys – Barry's specialists in official uniforms

RUCKLEYS, the uniform specialists in Barry, are going from strength-to-strength.

As well as stocking the usual school uniform basics – such as socks, trousers, skirts, pinafores, gym kits, cardigans, hair accessories and coats – they now stock a large proportion of local schools' official uniforms.

These schools include St Helen's, Sant Curig, Barry Island, Oakfield, Rhws, Barry Comprehensive, and Barry Sixth form.

They have a changing room and are conveniently open seven days a week, and even offer an easy-plan uniform club to help save for the back-to-school period.

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WITH a lot of girls and boys attending their first term in secondary school, it is sometimes their first opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument.

With such a vast range of instruments taught in school these days, it could be an unnecessary, expensive purchase for an instrument if no one in the family has any musical experience.

At JPL Sound - the Barry Music Shop – whether you are looking for the first guitar, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, violin or even a simple recorder – look no further!

We source good instruments at sensible prices, together with free help and advice.

The help and advice we have to offer cannot be given by supermarkets or catalogue stores!

So many customers made the bad mistake last year of purchasing either the wrong size or wrong type of guitar/violin/wind instrument for their child from a catalogue.

All the Barry Music Shop staff are experts and will advise on all aspects of your instrument purchase, even to the point of saving you money!

For those mums and dads who have been rooting through the attic to find an old guitar from their school days to hand down to their own children, don't forget that the shop also carries out specialist repairs, re-stringing and tuning on old guitars.

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NICOLA PEROS Ballet School, a member of The Royal Academy of Dance, starts its new term on Saturday, September 4 at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry.

Dance is extremely popular with all ages and is a healthy, enjoyable activity.

The Nicola Peros Ballet School can boast excellent exam results and are extremely proud of Mia Watkins, who has been given her third year training with the Royal Ballet School, and of Rochelle Davies, who has been offered further training with the Central Ballet School in London.

New beginners are welcome, especially boys, aged from seven-years-old to 14 years old.

The school has started rehearsing for its next big performance, due in 2011 – which will be *Peter and the Wolf.*

Anyone is welcome to join the school, if they have a passion for dance.

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An active end of term at the Barry Comp!

BARRY Comprehensive School devoted the last week of term to one of its most popular annual events – Activity Week.

Pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 spent the week out of lessons, and out of uniform, taking part in a range of interesting and unusual activities and trips.

Out of school, pupils visited Ferndale Skate Park, Llangorse Multi-Activity Centre, Cadoxton Bowling Club, Porthkerry Park, Big Pit Mining Museum, Oakwood, Drayton Manor, Go Ape at Margam Park, Bristol Zoo, Merthyr Mawr Dunes, helped Friends of Plymouth Great Woods in Cardiff, went swimming, tried sea fishing, went to the cinema, had a barbecue at Southerndown, and went camping in the Gower.

There was plenty to do in school as well. This year's activities included building and flying model aeroplanes, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, football, dodgeball, basketball, indoor stargazing and enterprise activities under the guidance of Careers Wales.

Our thanks to everyone involved for making the week a great success. **AC**

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Tuesday 7th September 4.00pm-7.00pm

At these sessions you can talk to course tutors and careers advisors to help choose the right course for you. You may also be able to sign up to a course on the same day. Hurry – all courses are filled on a first come, first served basis.

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Ruth Wellstead and Gillian Arthur were reunited at Barry College.

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The course starts off with The Real Robin Hood on September 11, which launches a varied programme of day-schools and weekly classes, from the truth behind Bedlam, through to Legends of Welsh Landscapes and Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

As one of the principal lecturers, Kishli Laister-Scott, said: "As a Vale resident, I was acutely aware of the lack of thought-provoking classes aimed at adults.

"Our courses in Barry feel long over-due, but we are thrilled that we can at last provide an alternative for people who want to challenge themselves and broaden their horizons."

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Barry College is celebrating 50 years at heart of Vale community

BARRY College has welcomed students and staff, past and present, to a special party celebrating 50 years at the heart of the Vale of Glamorgan.

At the special 50th birthday party, visitors had a chance to see how the college has changed and developed over the last five decades, as well as catch up with old friends and tutors.

Guided tours of the college's main Colcot Road site were held and there was a special exhibition featuring pictures of the college through the years, with recollections from staff and students.

Two friends reunited were Gillian Arthur and Ruth Wellstead. Best of friends since they were little, both studied at Barry College in the 1960s, but have not seen each other "in such a long time".

"It's absolutely fantastic! We haven't seen each other for so long," Gillian said. "I've enjoyed coming back today, but it's even more fabulous now!"

"I don't come down that often," Ruth, who now lives in England, explained. "We used to see each other every month – now it's more like every other year. So when I saw her photograph in the exhibition, I was amazed!"

Guests also had the chance to see courses Barry College has offered through the years – such as cookery for newlyweds and sheep shearing – in an exhibition of past prospectuses. Birthday cake and party bags full of college goodies were on hand for all.

The Barry Amateur Radio Society set up at the college for a special anniversary broadcast, and got in contact with a number of European locations – including Bari in Italy!

The party ended with a special 'balloon pop'. Former students and staff joined with college chair of governors, Peter Cope, and local dignitaries, including Vale of Glamorgan Mayor and Mayoress Colin and Ruby Osborne, Barry Mayor Karl Kuhnell and consort Meryl Kuhnell, the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, and MP Alun Cairns to burst glitter-filled balloons in a daytime pyrotechnic display.

Speaking just before the 'Balloon Pop', Barry College principal and chief executive, Paul Halstead, said: "*When the college opened 50 years ago, it had 10 members of staff and 484 students.*

"The college now has about 500 staff and enrolled 10,047 students last year, so it has grown a little bit! We have had 100s of thousands of students over that long period.

"I would like to thank you all for coming – it's wonderful to see so many of you here, including so many of the original staff and students.

"We are delighted, and grateful to all our guests and everyone who has contributed towards the party."

Barry Amateur Radio Society.

Vale AM Jane Hutt enjoys a slice of birthday cake.

Don't panic! Careers Wales will guide you through all the options

RESULTS day can be a stressful time. For many students, it's a day of celebration as their hard work pays off, and they can begin to put their career plans and ideas into action.

However, some students may not have done as well as they expected, or may not have decided what they want to do next.

With intense competition for university places, many young people may be worried about their future if their results aren't what they had hoped for.

Whatever your results – don't panic! Careers Wales is here to help anyone receiving exam results this summer. There are options open to you and lots of help to choose what's right for you.

As well as teachers and course tutors being available on results day, careers advisers will be visiting most schools and colleges to offer free information and advice.

Advisers will also be available at Careers Wales centres across Wales throughout the summer to help people with their future plans.

Grainne Wilson, education careers business manager, Careers Wales Cardiff and Vale said: "Our advice to young people is to try not to make hasty decisions.

"By taking your time and taking the right advice, you can make sure you're making the right choices. Careers Wales can help by providing information and advice about courses available, as well as local employment and training opportunities."

Anyone waiting for exam results should also look out in the post for the Where Now? leaflet produced by Careers Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government. This gives a summary of all your main options at results time.

For further information and advice contact the Learning and Careers Advice helpline 0800 100 900 (if calling from a mobile ring 029 20906801- standard mobile rates apply) or visit www.careerswales.com

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CLASS 4 – Heifer in calf
Rhys Millichap, Rhiwgarn Fach Farm, Tonyrefail, Mid Glam (9); SW Pegington, Natygelli Farm, Llangwm, Usk, Mon (10); Andrew Thomas, Newbridge Farm, Crossways, Cowbridge (8).
CLASS 5 – Maiden heifer
Rhys Millichap, Rhiwgarn Fach Farm, Tonyrefail, Mid Glam (11).
CLASS 6 – Pair owned by the same exhibitor
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CLASS 9 – Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf
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CLASS 10 – Heifer in calf
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CLASS 11 – Maiden heifer
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CLASS 12 – Pair owned by the same exhibitor
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CLASS 13 – Calf under 12 months on day of show
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CLASS 14 – Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show
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CLASS 17 – Heifer in milk.
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CLASS 18 – Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only)
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CLASS 19 – Senior cow in milk (4th lacation and above).
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Holstein UK rosettes.
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (68); J.H.B. Tucker (Will), Poplar Cottage, Horton, Gower (119).
CLASS 20 – Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers to be judged on the farm, at least three weeks prior to the Show.
To be restricted to exhibitors from the three counties of Glamorgan.
(Kindly sponsored by Genus)
Clive Thomas Dros-Y-Mor, (72); V J Thomas & Son, Pancross (77); G Anthony and Son, Haregrove Farm, Laleston (74).
WILLIAMS & GLYNNE CUP
Any other pure dairy Bred
CLASS 21 – Maiden heifer any breed other than Holstein.
Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (79); Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (78); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (80).
CLASS 22 – Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein
RICHARD TAYLOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
(Kindly sponsored by Riverlea Tractors Ltd., Vale Business Park, Llandow)
Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (84);R. P and K. J Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (83).
THE RICHARD TAYLOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein
Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82).
CLASS 23 – Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein
RP and K. J Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (85).
Any other pure dairy Bred Championship eligible from classes 21, 22 and 23
THE GAH SAMUEL MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL for the winner of the Championship
Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82) – Champion; RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (85) – Reserve.
CLASS 24 – Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS) –
(Kindly sponsored by KW Alternative Feed Ltd contact – 01264 358011)
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (87); R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (60); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (86).
THE SPILLERS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP AWARDED TO WINNERS OF CLASS 24
CLASS 25 – Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by the same exhibitor.
BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the best pair of dairy females.
(Kindly sponsored by Five Star Breeders)
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (90); R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (62); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (88).
THE BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the best pair of dairy females.
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (90).
CLASS 26 – Group of Three Dairy Cattle, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor
V. J. Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (92); R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (88); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (62).
THE CORPORATION OF COWBRIDGE PERPETUAL CHALENGE BOWL
For the Best Group of Dairy Cattle
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (92).
(Kindly sponsored by Barclays Commercial Banking, Cymru/Wales)
THE TJ YORWERTH MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALENGE CUP for the Best Dairy Cow or Heifer in the Show
V. J. Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (66) – Champion; Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (52) – Reserve.
CALF HANDLING
CLASS 27 – RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (97); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (98); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (97a).
THE GLAMORGAN FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY for Calf Handling by a handler 12 years old and under
RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (97).
CLASS 28 – RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (103); Sam Williams, Sunrise Bungalow, St Brides Major (104); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (105).
THE PJ LLEWELLYN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for Calf Handling by a handler 13-18
RP and KJ Glanville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (103).
CLASS 29 – 19 - 26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed
THE W J BASSETT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
(Kindly sponsored by W J Bassett)
Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (107); Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (112); Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82).
THE BILL BASSET PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for Calf Handling on the day of the show
Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (107).
SHEEP
WELSH MOUNTAIN
(Kindly sponsored by Farmers Union of Wales. Contact: 01446 774838).
CLASS 30 – Ram.
William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (213); OB Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (207); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (206).
CLASS 31 – Ram Lamb
Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (211); William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (219); I Thomas and Partners, Caerlan, Tonypandy (412).
CLASS 32 – One Ewe.
I Thomas and Partners, Caerlan, Tonypandy (414); William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (219); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (217).
CLASS 33 – One Ewe Lamb.
Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (222); William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (244); OB Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (223).
THE WESTERN MAIL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the
BEST EXHIBIT in the WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP CLASSES.
William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (208) – Champion; Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (222) – Reserve.
BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP
(Kindly sponsored by Barclays Commercial Banking, Cymru/Wales).
CLASS 34 – Ram.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (230) J. James, Three Jays Kennels, Frampton (227); PJ Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (231).
CLASS 35 – Ram Lamb.
KJ Bowman, Penrhiwllwythau, Abercrave, Swansea Valley (236); J James, Three Jays Kennels, Frampton (234); Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (239).
CLASS 36 – One Ewe.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (252); PJ Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (264); KJ Bowman, Penrhiwllwythau, Abercrave, Swansea Valley (258).
CLASS 37 – One Ewe Lamb.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (263); PJ Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (264); KJ Bowman, Penrhiwllwythau, Abercrave, Swansea Valley (258).
THE RICHARD EVANS-BEVAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TANKARD FOR
THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN CLASSES.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (252) – Champion; Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (263) – Reserve.
SUFFOLK
(Kindly sponsored by Riverlea Tractors Ltd., Vale Business Park, Llandow)
CLASS 38 – Ram.
TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (267); Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge (266); CV Thomas, Pencoed Farm, Coychurch Road, Pencoed (265);
CLASS 39 – Ram Lamb.
Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (270); Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge (269); Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (271).
CLASS 40 – One Ewe.
TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (275); Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge (273); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (274).
CLASS 41 – One Ewe Lamb.
Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (280); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (282); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (283).
THE EDWARDS GELDARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the best exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep Classes
TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (275); Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (270).
TEXEL
CLASS 42 – Ram.
Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (287b); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (286); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (287).
CLASS 43 – Ram Lamb.
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (290); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (293); DA and C Davies, 4 Grosddu Terrace, Penygroes, Llanelli (289).
CLASS 44 – One Ewe.
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (299); DA and C Davies, 4 Grosddu Terrace, Penygroes, Llanelli (297); Mr Williams, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (300).

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CLASS 45 – One Ewe Lamb.
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (308); Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (307); Mr Williams, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (309).
THE MARY HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the
Best Exhibit in the Texel Sheep Classes
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (308); Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (307).
RYELAND
(Kindly sponsored by Glamorgan GEM)
CLASS 46 – Ram.
RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (315); RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (314).
CLASS 47 – Ram Lamb.
BA and PJ Mee, Pany Y Gwenyn, Whitland, Carms (316).
CLASS 48 – One Ewe.
Lewis Harris, Ty Cerrig, Glanusk, Llanfrynach, Brecon (323); RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (325); BA and PJ Mee, Pany Y Gwenyn, Whitland, Carms (322).
CLASS 49 – One Ewe Lamb. open mixed BREED, OTHER THAN WELSH MOUNTAIN, BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN, SUFFOLK, TEXEL and RYELAND
RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (329); RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (330); BA and PJ Mee, Pany Y Gwenyn, Whitland, Carms (326).
RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (314) – Champion; Lewis Harris, Ty Cerrig, Glanuask, Llanfrynach, Brecon (323) – Reserve.
CLASS 50 – Ram.
(Kindly sponsored by Lloyds TSB Bank plc)
T.R & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston (334); Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats (410); Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llyweli, Brecon (335).
CLASS 51 – Ram Lamb.
(Kindly sponsored by Watts and Morgan)
T.L Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (339); Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats (337); TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (340).
CLASS 52 – One Ewe.
(Kindly sponsored by DG Ball, Upper Cwm Farm, Llantilio Crosenny.)
T L Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (346); TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston (348); TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (347).
CLASS 53 – One Ewe Lamb.
(Kindly Sponsored by Edwards Machinery Ltd, 01656 664155)
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (356); J James, Three Jays Kennels, Frampton (355); Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats (352).
THE CHAPMAN AND FREARSON CHALLENGE CUP for the Best any breed Exhibit.
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (346) – Champion; TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston (334) – Reserve.
ANY BREED
CLASS 54 – Best Ram Lamb (untrimmed). Not to be shown in any other class
(Kindly sponsored by Sigma 3 (Kitchens) Ltd)
T. L Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (366); Derek Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry (360); Huw Joseph, Mount Pleasant Road, Pyle (362).
CLASS 55 – Group of three Sheep comprising of one male and two females to be shown in previous classes and property of the same exhibitor
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (380); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (383); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (397).
COMMERCIAL SHEEP (ANY BREED)
CLASS 56 – A pair of Butchers Lambs (under 35 kilos).
(Kindly sponsored by Herbert R. Thomas)
Derek Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry (385); Jane Bissett, Woodlands Road, Barry (386); D Matthews, Greenfield Farm, Treoes (384).
CLASS 57 – A pair of Butchers Lambs (over 35kilos).
(Kindly sponsored by Hybu Cig Cymru - Meat Promotion Wales 01970 625050)
James Davies, Tudor Barn, The Garn Farm, St Hilary (420); D Matthews, Greenfield Farm, Treoes (389).
James Davies, Tudor Barn, The Garn Farm, St Hilary (420) – Champion; D Matthews, Greenfield Farm, Treoes (389) – Reserve.
THE MRS CAMERON-ROSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL For the
BEST EXHIBIT IN THE COMMERCIAL SHEEP CLASSES.
James Davies, Tudor Barn, The Garn Farm, St Hilary (420).
PET LAMB
CLASS 58 – Pet Lamb Class - Handler 16 years old or under on or before day of show.
(Kindly Sponsored by Primary Publishing)
Tomos & Samuel Saunders, Ty Canol Farm, Trethomas (400); EH Radcliffe & Penmark Place, Penmark (406); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (397).
BEST TURNED OUT SHEEP IN SHOW - £20 prize
(Kindly sponsored by Mr. Davies, Lower Monkton Farm.)
Supreme Champion
THE PINKSTONE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the best exhibit in any of the sheep classes
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (346); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (274).
HORSES
Sport Horse
CLASS 59 – Joli Smith, Pen Y Lan, Westbrook, Dorstone, Hereford (506); Mr M Todd, Horsehill Farm, Bagber, Sturminster (503); Miss R L Thomas, Brynheulog, Bryncethin (509).
CLASS 60 – Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, exceeding
148cms. but not exceeding 158 cms.
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Mrs S Cuddy, Tyn yr Caerau, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge (511); Dr B M Lewis, Neuadd Wen, Llanharan (513); Miss R L Thomas, Brynheulog, Bryncethin (514).
CLASS 61 – Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under.
Mrs S Cuddy, Tyn yr Caerau, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge (515); Miss A Collins, Horsehill Farm, Bagber, Sturminster (517); Zana Llewellyn, Green Farm, Pontardawe (520).
CLASS 62 – Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs not exceeding 14 stone.
(Kindly sponsored by Seth Hill & Son Ltd., The Quarries, Bonvilston)
Mrs J Hicks, Tynyfynnon Farm, Rhiwderin (523); Mrs J W & Miss E Gibson, Stable Cottage, Nenpett Thrubwell (525); Penny Clarke, Eider Cottage, Summerford, Keynes (526).
CLASS 63 – Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over.
Rachel White, Ynys yr Mono Isaf, Glais, Swansea (528).
THE CLASSIC WINDOWS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
£50 Prize for The Champion
(Kindly sponsored by Premier Forest Products Limited. Timber and Sheet Material Importers www.premierforest.co.uk)
Mrs S Cuddy, Tyn yr Caerau Farm, Cowbridge (515) – Champion; Mrs J Hicks, Tynyfynnon Farm, Rhiwderin (523) – Reserve.
UNAFFILIATED HUNTER CLASSES
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CLASS 64 – Zana Llewellyn, Green Farm, Pontardawe (536); Miss Seonaid Gallagher, Don Y Llan, Miskin (530); Mrs C M Thomas, Tydu Farm, Capel Llanilterne (533).
THE DAN RADCLIFFE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
CLASS 65 – Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding.
(Kindly sponsored by Mr David Harris, Froglands Farm, Llanmaes)
Zana Llewellyn, Green Farm, Pontardawe (536); Miss Seonaid Gallagher, Don Y Llan, Miskin (530); Mrs C M Thomas, Tydu Farm, Capel Llanilterne (533).
CLASS 65 – Joli Smith, Pen Y Llan, Westbrook, Dorstone Hereford (540); Rhiannon Thomas, Flemingston Court, Barry (538); Sophia Allen, Cerrig Llwyd, Rudry, Cardiff (546).
THE BRIDGEND GLAZING AND SILVERING CO LTD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE
Joli Smith, Pen Y Llan, Westbrook, Dorstone Hereford (540).
RIDING HORSES
CLASS 66 – Best Race to Riding Horse
Horses 148cms and over, 4 years old and over, rider to be 16 years and over on 1st January in the current year.
Miss R. L Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (557); Mrs Rae Jones, Hillside View, Pontypridd (552); Pamela Jordan, Newport (550).
PRINCIPALITY BUILDING SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
CLASS 67 – Open Riding Horse
Mare or Gelding exceeding 148cms. Over 4 years old on the day of the show. Riders to have attained their 16th birthday by the 1st January in the current year.
Helen Manners, Tyla Glas Farm, Bedlinog (562); Yvonne Withey, c/o Paxford Farm, Llansamlet (561); Pamela Jordan, Newport (558).
THE JOHN & SARAH CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
SIDE SADDLE
(Kindly sponsored by Glamorgan Gem, Cowbridge)
Helen Manners, Tyla Glas Farm, Bedlinog (562).
CLASS 68 – Ladies Side Saddle.
Heather Noad, Coach House, Oldbury on Severn (564); Mrs PA Yeoman, Rhoswen, Heol Llan, Coity (566); Susan Howes, Old Beaupre Castle, St Hilary (568).
THE GREAT HOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE VASE
Heather Noad, Coach House, Oldbury on Severn (564).
COBS
CLASS 69 – Open Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Riders any age.
Justine Burns, Lakeside Barns, Grove Farm, Llanfoist (570); Miss S.J Williams New Houses Blackmill, (569).
THE JOHN AND SARAH CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the Open Riding Horse
Justine Burns, Lakeside Barns, Grove Farm, Llanfoist (570); Miss SJ Williams, New Houses, Blackmill, (569).
THE PRINCE OF WALES INVESTITURE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the Best Leading Rein Pony
Janet Jones, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (573).
CLASS 70 – Leading Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their eighth birthday before January 1 in the current year.
Janet Jones, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (573); Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (571); C Shilliber Smith, TY Isaf Farm, Bettws (572).
WORKING HUNTER PONIES
THE MENAI PRINCE CHARMING PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the winner of the mini Show Pony Championship
Janet Jones, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (573).
CLASS 72 – Nursery Stakes: Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cms. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590); Leanne Macarthur, Bedlington Terr, Barry (575); Mrs S Garland, Murlande Way, Rhoose (576).
THE SNAFFLES SADLERY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for
the winner of the Nursery Stakes
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590) – Champion; Leanne Macarthur, Bedlington Terr, Barry (575) – Reserve.
CLASS 73 – W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Rider not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year. Fences minimum 75cms.
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Mrs S Garland, Murlande Way, Rhoose (582).
CLASS 74 – W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 143cms. Rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
Mrs S J Bishop, Maes Diofal Farm, Senghenydd (584); Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Monmouth (585); Emma Tidley, Westard House, Wick (587).
WORKING HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP
Mrs S J Bishop, Maes Diofal Farm, Senghenydd (584); Mrs S Garland, Murrlande Way, Rhoose (582).
WHP CHAMPIONSHIP - THE GLAMORGAN GEM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the Best Working Hunter Pony in Classes 73-75.
Mrs S J Bishop, Maes Diofal Farm, Senghenydd (584).
CLASS 76 – Cradle Stakes. Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 11th birthday before January 1 in the current year.
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590); Claire Williams, The Coach House, Cwm Ciddy, (593); Jenna Rees, Dan Y Graig Cott, Cross Inn, Llantrisant (591).
THE MRS G R LEWIS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the winner of the Cradle Stakes
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590).
SHOW HUNTER PONIES
CLASS 78 – Best Pony of Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 122cms and not exceeding 133cms. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Jenna Rees, Dan Y Graig Cott, Cross Inn, Llantrisant (599); Miss J Wren, Graigwen, Plascoed Road, Pontnewynydd (597).
CLASS 79 – Best Pony of Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 143cms. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before January 1 in the current year.
Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Monmouth (598).
CLASS 80 – Best Pony of Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 143cms and not exceeding 153cms. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (602); Miss A Fisher, Llwyncelyn Uchaf, Llanelli (600).
THE LATE THOMAS JENKINS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the
Winner of the Championship Class.
Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (602); Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Monmouth (598).
MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND PONIES
CLASS 81 – Mountain & Moorland Leading Rein. Mountain & Moorland pony, mare or gelding, four years old and over not exceeding 122cm, registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest and Welsh A or B. Riders not to have attained their ninth birthday before January 1 in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle, the lead rein to be attached by the noseband only. This class is a qualifier for the Ponies Association (UK) Colne Mountain & Moorlands Leading Rein Championship.
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M T MORGAN CUP presented to the winner of Class 81.
Tracy Roynon, Ty Richard Jones Farm, Crumlin (607); Hannah Jayne Morgan, Parkview Terrace, Aberdare (606); C Shillibier Smith, Ty Isaf Farm, Bedwas (607).
CLASS 82 – Best Registered Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony under saddle, 4 years old and over. Small Breeds - Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A & B. Rider any age
Ann Rees, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (615); A Davies, Tai Aftryn, Broadlands, Bridgend (613); Sam Beach, Nant Lais, Llanharan (610).
CLASS 83 – Best Registered Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony under saddle, 4 years old and over. Large Breeds - Welsh Section C&D, Dales, Fells, Conemara, New Forest and Highland. Rider any age
Mrs Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Mon (625); D Goddard, 18 Elder Grove, Llantwit Fardre (623); Branwen Clarke, Cae Hafan, Treoes (629).
THE J PENDOCK PORTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the winner of the championship
Mrs Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Mon (625) – Champion; Ann Rees, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (615) – Reserve.
COLOURED CLASSES
CLASS 85 – In Hand. Skewbald/Piebald young stock foaled in 2007, 08, 09 & 10 - foals over 4 weeks old. Any sex colour or type - Championship Qualifier
(Kindly sponsored by M & S Cuddy).
K Pritchard and R Maynard, C/O Mark Tamplin, Caerphilly (654); N Thomas, Splott Farm, St Donats (657); Denise David, Crawshay Drive, Llantwit Major, (655).
THE SUMMERHAZE CUP
K Pritchard and R Maynard, C/O Mark Tamplin, Caerphilly (654).
CLASS 86 – In Hand. Skewbald/Piebald combined class - Championship Qualifier. Horses and ponies any age, sex, colour, type or height. Additional qualifier for Best Pony and Best Horse not in 1st-3rd and highest place Youngstock and highest place traditional, cob or vanner.
(Kindly sponsored by M & S Cuddy)
Rhian Carter, Greenlands Road, Llantrisant (659); Tracey Nash, West End Bungalow, Nottage (662); Tracey Nash, West End Bungalow, Nottage (663).
CLASS 87 – Ridden. Skewbald/Piebald combined class - Championship Qualifier. Horses and ponies any sex, colour or type four years old and over. Additional qualifier for Best Pony and Best Horse not in 1st-3rd. Riders any age.
(Kindly sponsored by M&S Cuddy).
Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (671); Mrs Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Mon (670); Jessica Allen, Cerrig Llwyd, Rudry, Caerphilly (674).
THE CUDDY COLOURED PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
K Pritchard and R Maynard, C/O Mark Tamplin, Caerphilly (654); Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (671).

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Jasper signs before Bellamy!

ABOVE: Jasper's act is part of Cardiff City's policy to pioneer more pre-match entertainment.

Barry magician is one of Cardiff City's new signings!

CARDIFF CITY has made a new signing – award-winning Barry magician and mentalist Jasper Blakeley.

City believe the arrival of Jasper will help in their pioneering drive to provide pre-match entertainment outside the ground.

Jasper said: "I put pen to paper last Thursday, and I'm going to be providing entertainment before Cardiff's home matches.

"I had a trial which was held on the day of the Cardiff City, Sheffield Utd match and had a crowd of 150 people enjoying the show.

"The atmosphere was great – there was magic, games, competitions and giveaways."

The idea is for Jasper to provide tailor-made family entertainment that makes it a bit more of a day out for fans and helps in crowd flow: people who arrive early at the ground know they can get something to eat and drink and enjoy the act, avoiding a last minute stampede to the ground.

Along with Jasper, City are also providing other attractions such as a space for fans to take photographs, and a ball training area.

Jasper explained: "I perform an hour before the kick off and do half an hour. A friend of mine, Phil Jay, one of the country's top magicians recommended me."

Roger in Lazarus-style comeback to make the final!

RAIN, or the lack of it, has had a marked effect on results on grass greens this year, but a game in Cowbridge last month was abandoned after only five ends because of rain.

This match was between Cowbridge and Llantwit ladies. Both captains agreed to restart the game last week, but this time it rained heavily prior to the game, forcing cancellation. The clubs agreed to share the points.

The fine weather returned later in the week for a home league game against table leaders Barry Romilly. Cowbridge won on two of the three rinks and by an overall score of 68-40.

Rink scores as follows: Rink two: Lynda Wilson, Pat Holdsworth, Sue Flower and Anne Jarvis 33-10; rink three: Glenys Davies, Helena Snelling, Judy Springett and Joan Bradley 14-19; rink four: Shirley Wilkinson, Diane Purnell, Pat Davey and May Jones 21-11. This was a fine performance by Cowbridge ladies.

For its mid-week Munro Cup game, the men's team played the Penarth Rectory Road team on their privately maintained grass green, which was in excellent condition.

Cowbridge players were no match for the opposition and were trounced by 106-35.

Only Byron Richards' quartet of Colin Wilson, Brian Elsey, Ron Woolford and Byron as skip provided serious competition. Rink score: Byron Richards 15, Penarth 18.

Splott Park was the venue for the last away league game of the season on a council-maintained green that had suffered because of the dry summer and a failing sprinkler system.

The opponents in St Albans, needed points to avoid relegation and Cowbridge were hoping for some away points to consolidate in mid-table.

The uneven playing surface was the same for both teams, but Cowbridge lost on all four rinks by 106-60.

Only Norman Wilkinson's team of Charles Sanders, Steve Dickens, Michael Bradley and Norman as skip had a close match (rink score: Norman wilkinson 20, St Albans 23).

Finally, some good news for a Cowbridge bowler. As 2009 club singles champion, Roger Barwick was automatically entered into the Mid Vale and South Vale Bowling Association's 'Champion of Champions' contest this year.

From 32 entries, Roger had reached the semi-final stage. He had played some of the matches at home and some away. His semi-final opponent, Mel Trigg, was playing on his home patch.

It was going to be an uphill battle for Roger and so it proved to be. With Mel leading 19-7, he only needed two points to win, but Roger staged a remarkable turnaround, drew level and won the match 21-20. What a result!

Roger will meet David Wright from the Barry Romilly club in the final later this month.

MB

The Saints sparkle, but the Lions leave it too late to show some bite

Llantwit Major Lions	**3**
Sunday Saints FC	**5**

THE Saints made the short journey to Llantwit school field for a friendly game between them and league newcomers, the Llantwit Major Lions.

After a relatively successful last season, the Saints are looking to push on and have added three new faces to their squad with Gareth Richards and Dean Cleave making their first starts, and Phil Morgan coming off the bench.

The game also saw Nicky Cox play his first game as the newly-elected team captain for the season.

The Saints made a bright start and carved out the most chances in the opening spell but couldn't convert.

The breakthrough came when a corner was cleared back to taker Leigh Lewis, who crossed the ball back into the box and Nick Dyke headed the ball in from a few yards out.

The Lions pushed to get back in the game but found the Saints defence, particularly Nicky Cox, in incredible form.

Jordan Mortimore then picked out Leigh Lewis with a sublime crossfield pass to put him in on goal, and his touch allowed him to slot the ball past the oncoming keeper.

It was three minutes later when Rob West advanced from left back and his cross was misjudged by the keeper and nestled in the net.

The Saints came off at half time after dominating the half and playing some superb football and started the second half as they finished the first.

Mortimore's pin point perfect through ball put Dyke in and his finish was just as perfect, and the Saints were 4-0 up.

The Saints completed their scoring moments later when Reece Lewis put his brother clear and Leigh Lewis ignored the offside appeals to lift the ball over the keeper with a great lob.

The Lions rallied soon after and pulled one back after some neat football from Craig Bright, slamming the ball home after Richards had saved a shot.

James Austin showed a great piece of skill to almost make it six for Saints but his shot was just wide and Dean Cleave fired over after a good run.

Owen Newton reduced the deficit further, then Richards made an outstanding save to deny another Lions player.

The Lions pulled another goal back with Ryan Evans driving the ball home.

The Saints start their new first division league campaign this Sunday at home in St Athan Village against Saint Patrick Rovers of Maesteg, who will provide a tough opening encounter after finishing one place below Saints last season.

The Lions showed with their late rally that they will do well in the first division this season and hopefully both sides will be challenging for honours at the end of the season.

Honourable mentions to Gaz Richards in goal and the ever dependable Tom Roberts in midfield.

The man of the match was a tough call but it went to new captain Nicky Cox for an incredible display at centre half.

HD

Success for Wales in world archery championships

LLANTWIT MAJOR archer Mathew Symmonds recently led the Welsh team to victory at their most successful ever World Field Archery Championships!

Set in and around the beautiful mountains graced by the Castle of Dahn in west Germany, the tournament consisted of five gruelling rounds of field archery. In near-perfect weather conditions, the scene was set for some quality shooting.

The Germany Archery Federation had built some of the most extreme courses ever seen, with shots of up to 80 yards set at elevations of more than 35 degrees in some cases.

In scenes that would do justice to any big budget movie, the archers shot some of their arrows from the imposing battlements of Dahn Castle to targets on the ground far below. Competing against top ranked archers from 38 countries, Mathew and his Welsh team (with an unprecedented five members coming from Llantwit Major), proved yet again the unwavering talent and dedication that places Welsh field archers constantly among the top world rankings.

The Llantwit Major team members fared as follows: Team captain Mathew Symmonds had a superb week, shooting some impressive scores and winning the gold medal in the professional recurve division.

At the previous tournament in 2008, Mathew shocked the archery world by winning the gold in the amateur gent's recurve division. This second gold makes Mathew Wales' most successful field archer of all time.

Wynn Jones's experience and skill took the silver medal in the veterans (over 55) bowhunter compound division.

Nigel Kent managed some respectable scores in his first World Championship but was overpowered by more experienced archers from South Africa and Germany.

Colin Ketley, (also making his world championships debut), held his own in the barebow recurve division, but Germany's strength in depth and experience told. However, Colin took a well-earned gold medal in the Class B tournament.

Claire Hamilton Jones shot very well during the week, building some impressive scores in the ladies unlimited group. Claire topped off a successful week with a personal best score in the fifth and final round for a successful first world championships.

Mathew commented: "While we expected difficult courses for this tournament, the terrain and elevations exceeded our expectations. The Welsh team tackled the courses well and the less experienced among the team showed very good composure under pressure. The team all rose to the challenge and shot well generating impressive results for Wales."

JR

It's the end of the road for Barry Bluebirds

AFTER the best part of nine years together, Barry Bluebirds manager Jeff Howells has had to sadly bring the team to an end due to unforeseen circumstances, including long term injuries and international commitments in another sport.

Jeff stated: "This was the hardest decision I've ever had to make in football. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all of the opposition players and coaches who I've enjoyed playing against and have been great sports,

"Thanks also to Lynn and Pam, club secretary and chairman, my coaches Rhys and Martin, all the parents over the years who have been absolutely incredible with their support, and the lads who I've coached throughout the years."

Barry impress against Premier opponents

BARRY TOWN proved themselves more than equal to big spending Premier League team Carmarthen in this mid-week away friendly.

Unfortunate to only draw, a Carmarthen defender admitted after the match that Barry showed them how to play, with long periods of domination by the Dragons.

Carmarthen had taken the lead, thanks to a deflection own goal off a Barry player in the 12th minute. The Town equalised after 25 minutes, when Jaymes Dixon was put through and rifled past the Carmarthen goalkeeper.

Barry hit the post a couple of times and a golden opportunity towards the end went close from striker Josh Bell. Manager Gavin Chesterfield played a 4-3-3 attacking formation with Maxwell, Sadler and Harterey in midfield, and Dixon, Blatchford and Jones up front.

The only concern was that the Dragons couldn't convert the possession into goals. However, the team have scored so many in pre-season friendlies, they are sure to hit the net many times against weaker opposition.

Barry Town are also announcing a special season ticket for Cardiff City season ticket holders. City fans can buy a Town season ticket for £50 instead of the £72 and can donate the saving of £22 to Cardiff City, to help City through their current financial difficulties!

Barry have arranged all their league home fixtures so as not to clash with Cardiff City home matches. Forms can be collected from the club from noon every day or can be sent to anyone phoning on 01446 735858.

The Town kick off the league season with two away matches on Wednesday, September 1 at Aberamman Athletic, and Garden Village on Saturday, September 4.

Rhoose hosts a Test Match

RHOOSE Bowling Club has returned to normality after entertaining a Test Series between Wales and Scotland over the weekend of August 7-8.

Members and spectators experienced the novelty of the matches being played in sets. The object was to prepare both teams for the type of match that they will face in the Commonwealth Games.

The standard of bowling was very high from both sides, but Scotland ran out the victors in most of the matches. Local bowlers were able to watch Paul Foster, who heads the WBT rankings for 2010/11 easily come to terms with Rhoose's new carpet.

On the Welsh team, local bowlers Jason Greenslade and Chris Blake played alongside Robert Weale.

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Very many thanks for the flowers, cards, letters and telephone calls during this sad time, and for the generous donations in memory of Jeff to Marie Curie Hospice.

Grateful thanks also to Canon Derek Belcher who officiated at the funeral and Andrew Thomas, Funeral Director, for carrying out all the funeral arrangements in such a sensitive and dignified manner.

Janet Nehls
22 August 1954

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(nee Harding)

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Resting at Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry until her service at Cadoxton Methodist Church, Barry on Monday, 23rd August at 11.00 am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only please – donations, if desired, may be made at the service to Marie Curie Cancer Care, in memory of Jess.

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CARR
Mildred (Millie)

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£2,250 ono
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2005 Fiat Punto 1.2
New MoT, Tax to January 2011, service history, 38,000 miles.
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Silver, 7-seater, 27k, alloys, e/mirrors, cd, MoT til October.
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NETBALL CLUB PREPARES FOR THE NEW SEASON

LLANTWIT Major netballers have had a well deserved rest after battling through the Bridgend Winter league.

The A team successfully retained their position in the A division, and the B team, made up of predominantly younger players, established themselves in the B league and finished the season with some excellent victories to their credit.

The club had a number of players who were successful in gaining places in the county squad. They were: Emily Cooper, Lizzie Thomas, Jody Ackland, Lizzie Davies, Aimee Price and Anna Griffin, who was named most improved under-18 county player of the year.

The club also had a number of players who are very close to achieving their umpiring qualification. These were Bethan Evans, Nicola Fleig, Alison Harding, Hayley Phillips and Sarah Thomas. Bethan Evans has shown great commitment as player, coach and, together with Sarah Thomas, chief fundraisers.

A club spokeswoman said: "I would like to thank Bethan Evans (coach), Malvina Wiley (treasurer) and Bethan Summers (secretary) for their hard work this season, together with the rest of the committee, players and supporters.

"I would also like to say a special thank you to some of the founder club members that are leaving to go to university this autumn. They have been extremely loyal to the club and will be missed. Good luck to Emily Cooper, Lizzie Thomas, Anna Griffin, Bethan Lewis, Alys Richardson and Sarah Williams.

Training starts again on Wednesday, September 1, 6pm-8pm at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre. All players young (min 13 years) and old are welcome whether you are experienced, novice or just want a good run around!

Contact Kath Richards on 01446 792118 for further information.

Emily Cooper, Lizzie Thomas, Anna Griffin and Bethan Lewis.

Bowlers are on song in the Munro Cup

LLANTWIT completed their Munro Cup fixtures on Wednesday with another win against Murch by 93-42 shots. This means Llantwit finish as runners up in the Cup, a fine effort.

Graham Jones's rink had the best win with good all round play by the team scoring 32 shots over 18 ends.

Mick Aplin's rink had a good win despite the absence of the regular skip with a winning margin of 24 shots.

Neville Young's rink were 13-1 up and looked set for a win, then Murch changed to very short jacks which flummoxed Llantwit turning the game around to win by one shot.

Alan Gibbard's rink started off well and were well ahead then Murch came back at them with Llantwit just staying in front by three shots.

Rink Scores GJ 32-7, MA 29-5, NY 16-17, AG 16-13.

Llantwit who were already assured of finishing top of the league, travelled to runners up contenders Beddau on Saturday.

Llantwit put on a disappointing display after their fine efforts of recent weeks with only the captain's rink coming away with a win losing the match 80-65.

This meant Beddau would be promoted with Llantwit to the second division.

Charles Hiscock's rink, the only ones showing their usual form, were behind at the start then took control to win by seven shots.

Neville Young's rink put up a good fight, but eventually went down by three shots.

Alan Gibbard's rink started badly and were always in arrears with the Beddau skip putting in some good shots.

Llantwit at one stage were nine shots down and reduced it to seven by the end.

Graham Jones's rink were in front up to the halfway stage then the game turned Beddau's way to win by 12 shots.

Rink Scores: CH 22-15, NY 16-19,AG 15-22, GJ 12-24.

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Lady bowlers rack up points

LAST Thursday, Llantwit ladies travelled to Barry Central BC for a league match. They won on two rinks and lost on one, gaining eight out of 10 points.

The rinks were Edna Hardie, Barbara Lewis, Jean Voss and Etta Gray 18-15; Kay Johnes, Peggy Pike, Carol Willmot and May Davies 12-18; Liz Crouch, Ann Mutlow, Margaret Morgan and Marian Lewis 26.-13.

On Friday, members welcomed Bridgend Municipal BC to the green for the last Cowbridge Challenge Shield of the season. This was again a re-arranged match due to the weather.

Llantwit's bowlers won on all rinks and gained 10 points.

The rinks were Liz Crouch, Ann Mutlow, Etta Gray and Margaret Morgan 16-7; Kay Johnes, Peggy Pike, May Davies and Carol Willmot 17-9; Edna Hardie Marian Lewis, Val Baelz and Jean Voss 17-10.

THE BLACKSMITHS ARMS GOLF SOCIETY

Triumph for Willey is a Mwstwry!

THE BLACKSMITHS Arms (Llanmaes) golf society's latest sojourn was to the Coed y Mwstwr Golf Club, where the mature parkland course and friendly welcome make it an admirable society venue.

The threeball of Geoff Smith, Andy Wilkey and Steve Hayward performed well with Hayward picking up second place prize with 37 stableford points.

However, talk of the clubhouse was of the Gary Nealon, Gareth John and Chris Willey trio.

Nealon, whose renowned powers of recovery are on a par with Lazarus, emerged from between trees, under bushes, beneath hedges (and some insist from the middle of a lake!) to pepper the pin.

His 32 points, however, fell well short of the 43 points scored by the competition winner, newcomer Willey (who insisted beforehand that his only previous golfing experience was putting over the hump back bridge and through the clown's mouth at Barry Island!)

John took nearest the pin award, while Willey, recently arrived from Mexico via Cowbridge, won the longest drive prize on an excellent golfing day played in south Wales sunshine.

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PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF DE-DESIGNATION OF COWBRIDGE WITH LLANBLETHIAN CONSERVATION AREA AND DESIGNATION OF COWBRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA AND LLANBLETHIAN CONSERVATION AREA

Notice is hereby given, under section 70(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 that The Vale of Glamorgan Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Local Planning Authority") has by a resolution passed on 7th July 2010, de-designated the area previously designated as the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Conservation Area and has designated two new conservation areas to be known as Cowbridge Conservation Area and Llanblethian Conservation Area as referred to in Schedules 2 and 3 hereto. These areas are considered by the Council to be of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve and enhance.

The effect of the designations are as follows:

1. Conservation area consent will now be required for the demolition of all unlisted buildings (other than excepted buildings) in the designated area;
2. Planning applications for development which would in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority affect the character or appearance of the designated area must be given publicity and representations received as a result of the publicity must be taken into account in determining the application;
3. It becomes an offence subject to certain exceptions to cut down, top, lop, uproot, willfully damage or willfully destroy any tree in the area except with the consent of the Local Planning Authority within the designated area;
4. The Local Planning Authority are now under a duty to formulate and publish proposals for the presentation and enhancement of the designated area.
5. The restrictions above (1 – 4) no longer apply to areas that no longer form part of a designated area.

Plans showing the boundaries of the Conservation Areas and copies of the Character Appraisal and Management Plan defining the special character of the areas are available for inspection during office hours at the office of the Director of Environmental and Economic Development, Planning and Transportation, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry. Alternatively, they can be viewed and downloaded from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Rob Thomas, Head of Planning and Transportation
Vale of Glamorgan Council

Schedule 1

The Cowbridge with Llanblethian Conservation Area as designated in October 1970 is de-designated in its entirety.

Schedule 2

(Properties forming part of the Cowbridge Conservation Area)
Aberthin Road: No's 1 – 2
Aubrey Terrace, Cae Stumpie: No's 1 – 7
Broadway: No's 2 and 4
Cardiff Road: No's 1 – 11, East Court, Eastfield House, Edmondes Arms, New House, Old School House, Quarry Cottage, Solus, The Stables
Church Street: No's 6 & 7, 1 – 8 The Old Grammar School, Salt House, Holy Cross Church, Duke Of Wellington Mews, Moat House, Flint House, Coach House, Brew House, 1 – 13 The Range
Coopers Lane: No's 1 - 7
Croft Street: No's 1 – 11
Croft Terrace: No's 1 – 6, No's 1 – 6 Eastgate Mews
Druids Green: Druids Green Cottage,Shield Cottage
Eagle Lane: Coach House, Eagle Cottage, Somerset House
Eastgate: No's 1 – 91, 1 Melbourne Close
Geoffrey Ashe Court: No's 1 – 17
High Street: No's 2 – 10, 14 – 66, (evens), 1 – 81 (odds), Old Hall, Brewery Cottage, Cowbridge Health Centre, Cowbridge Library, Woodstock House, Hurrans Garden Centre, Old Brewery, The Courtyard Studio, 1 – 5 Riverside Mews
Limes Court: No's 1 – 6
North Road: 1 – 3 Honeysuckle Cottages, 1 – 3 Taynton Mews, 1 – 6 Woodstock Mews, Arther John And Co, Vale Forge, 1 – 4 North Road Mews, 1 Glenfield Cottage, Ornamental Stoneware, No 41, Stockwood Mews, The Stables, Prospect Cottage
Penny Lane: No's 1 – 7 and Britannia House
Primrose Hill: Eastfield Cottage
South Gate: Rose Cottage,The Poplars
The Broad Shoard: Broadgate House, Coedfryn, Garden House, Ramoth United Free Church Hall
The Butts: No's 1 – 4
The Limes: No's 1 – 11, Waterway Cottage, Ty Nant, Ty Gwyn, 1 – 3 The Old Chapel, Riverside Mews, Limes Gate Cottage, Greystones, Glan-Yr-Afon, 2 – 6 Limes Court, Limes Court Lodge, Limes Court Mews
Town Hall Square: No's 1 – 3, Taynton Cottage
Veritys Court No's No's 1 – 5, The Vale Barn, Rose Cottage, The Old Wool Barn
Westgate No's 1 – 27 (Odds), No's 2 – 46 (Evens) Brohedyn, Burradoo, Court Cottage, Diamond House, Eagle House, Greystones, Llwyn Onn, Park House, Police Station, Stafford Coach House, Sweetings, The Court House, Trefaen, Ty Dafydd, West Orchard House
Willow Walk: No's 1 – 5

Schedule 3

(Properties forming part of the Llanblethian Conservation Area)
Bridge Road: Great House, The Chippings, The Old Barn, The Old Orchard, Mardy Cottage, Highfield House, Nantlais, Ashdene, Ashley Cottage, Westfield House, Tregegin, Camvale, Chiltern, Church Hall, Brook Cottage, Ger Y Nant
Broadway: Bridge House
Castle Hill: Greenfield, Llanblethian Castle, Castle Cottage, St Quentins House, Greenways, Highbank, Kingscombe, Argoed, Dulcie Domum, Brynhyfryd,
Castle Mews: No's 1 - 3
Causeway Hill: Ty-Nant, Westcliff, Causeway House, Tanyfron, Glanrhyd
Church Road: The Coach House, The Cross, The Old Vicarage, Picton House, High Beeches, Highgate, Old Barn Cottage, Hillcot House, Llanblethian House, The Stables, Cross Cottage, Chy Avallon, Dan Y Coed, Broomhill, St Bleddian Church, 1 – 2 Llanblethian House,
Cwrt Llanfleiddan: No's 1 – 4
Factory Road: Greystones, The Longfield, The Malthouse, Maltsters, Northcote, Highcroft, Leys Cottage, Meadow View, Kingscombe Cottages, Ashdene, Belgrave House, Windsor House, Westbrook, Westbury, Ty Brenin, Factory House, Curload, Delfan, Dunelm, 1 – 2 The Bungalow, 1 – 2 Kingscombe Cottages, 1 – 2 The Malthouse, No 3 Factory Road
Greenfield Way: Greenfield Paddocks, Hafan Gwyn, The Old Bakehouse, Mill Cottage, Fairways, Bondehurst, Corneddi
Llanmihangel Rise: No's 1 - 5
Love Lane: The Quintain, Porth Y Green House
Piccadilly: River Cottage, Rose Cottage, Half Moon Cottage, Lansdowne, Hill Drop, Hillside, Pen Y Garreg, Kenley, Ar Yr Mynydd, Aeolian, Afon Ladrad, Trengale, Dan Y Graig, Brook House, Brooklyn, Coopersale House, River Cottage, Ger Y Nant, Glanavon
St Quentins Hill: The Firs, The Mill, New Haven, Castle Edge, The Cairns, St Quentins Cottage, 4 St Quentins Hill
Stallcourt Close: Stallcourt House, The Paddock, Stallcourt Mews,
The Causeway: Riversdale Cottage, The Glebe, Pleasant View, Pretoria Cottages, Lyndale, Duffryn House, Bute Cottage, Tadwick Cottage, Smallbrook Cottage, The 1 – 4 The Causeway
Town Mill Road: Little Mill Cottage, Old Town Mill, Townmill Cottage.

Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools year-7 track and field championships, Jenner Park, Barry

TROTMAN BAGS THREE TITLES

TOM TROTMAN underlined his potential with a three title haul at the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan year-7 Boys' championships, held at Jenner Park.

The Cowbridge pupil first made his mark at the Aviva Welsh Sportshall Final at Cwmbran in March when he won the under-13 'four laps title', competing against year-8 pupils.

At these championships, held in sunny but blustery conditions, he set a new championship best in the high jump, adding two centimetres to the 1.51 metres mark set by Gareth Allen (Llantwit) in 1995, and then went on to claim the shot with a best put of 10.04 metres, and take the 100 metres with a 12.7 run to win heat four and a 12.8 clocking in the A final, in the process, providing 51 points in the team competition.

Richard Dangerfield, who represented the district at the Aviva Welsh Schools' National cross-country championships at Brecon in February, was another to gain good points. His sixth place in the 200, second place in the discus and victory in the javelin earned 43 of the Llantwit total of 91.5.

Although the problem has since been resolved by the Vale Council buying a new supply of hurdles, when this competition was held, there were only sufficient hurdles for five lanes of eight flights, so only five athletes could compete in heats and finals.

Dan Oddy claimed the 75 metres hurdles title for Cowbridge, but the Vale school could not retain the team title, having to settle for second behind Llanishen High.

Because of statutory tests in the Cardiff schools, the girls' championships, which were held on a different afternoon, had to be brought forward and, as a result, a number of schools were unable to compete – only 20 schools taking part.

In the individual events, the Vale girls found the competition very tough. Ana Mirza-Davies (Stanwell), another pupil who has represented Cardiff & the Vale over the country, took the 800 metres title with a 2:48.3 run in her time trial, while Jen Watt (St Richard Gwyn) won the long jump with a 4.24 metres leap, and Paige Williams (Cowbridge) had a best put of 7.65 metres to top the two shot pools.

Although they only finished second in their heat, the Cowbridge relay squad improved to take top spot in the A relay final, a performance which, on the provisional results, puts the Vale school in first place in the team competition. If that placing is confirmed, it will be the first Cowbridge victory in this section since 1997.

The association records its thanks to the PE department at Barry Comprehensive for hosting the boys' competition and to the PE departments at Bryn Hafren and St Richard Gwyn for organising the girls' fixture.

The individual winners are due to get their championship award at the annual track and field presentation evening, to be held at Cardiff High School, starting at 7pm. Originally, it was intended that the event would be held on Tuesday, September 7, but, given that the Vale schools do not start term until September 6, there is a possibility that the event will be put back to Tuesday, September 14.

Vale performances:
Year-7 Boys' Championships – 100: Ht 1: Ws 3.1 5 Jac Elias-Williams (Bro M) 14.3; 6 Redwan Islam (St Cy) 15.3; Ht 2: Ws 4.5 3 Rhydian Hopkins (Bro M) 14.4; 6 Alkassim Mahyoub (St Cy) 15.3; Ht 3: Ws 2.1 3 William Brown (Stan) 14.0; Ht 4: Ws 2.0 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 12.7; 2 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 13.0; 5 Lloyd James (St RichG) 14.5; Ht 5: Ws 2.2 2 Kieran Webber (St RichG) 13.6; 3 Bradley Abraham (Lwt) 13.6; 4 Joseph Treharne (Cow) 13.6; 7 Kyle Henderson (Barry) 15.0; Ht 6: Ws 2.0 1 Alex Hill (Lwt) 13.9; A Fin: No WS 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 12.8; 3 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 13.0; B Fin: No WS 2 Kieran Webber (St RichG) 13.7; 5 Bradley Abraham (Lwt) 14.1; C Fin: No WS 1 Alex Hill (Lwt) 13.7; 3 Joseph Treherne (Cow) 13.7.
200: Ht 1: Ws 1.2 4 Benjamin Jones (Cow) 30.5; Ht 2: Ws 1.5 3 Nathan Robson (Cow) 29.5 Ht 3: Ws 2.8 4 Luke Dawe (St RichG) 30.9; Ht 4: Ws 4.1 1 Lloyd James (St RichG) 28.5; Ht 5: Ws 2.3 1 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 28.1; 3 Rhydian Hopkins (Bro M) 31.0; 4 Jordan Driscoll (St Cy) 32.1; Ht 6: Ws 2.4 2 Amin Ullah (Barry) 30.7; 3 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 31.3; 5 Sam Nilsen (Stan) 32.5; Ht 7: Ws 3.0 3 Kwabena Fordjour (Stan) 30.9; 5 Cameron Davies (Lwt) 33.3; Ht 8: Ws 2.3 1 Luke Pemberthey (St Cy) 30.6; 3 Harry Lambert (Barry) 33.0; A Fin: Ws 3.4 6 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 29.1; B Fin: Ws 0.6 ; 3 Lloyd James (St RichG) 28.9; C Fin: Ws 2.1 ; 3 Harry Lambert (Barry) 32.2.
800: 4 Rhys Knight (Stan) 2:38.1; 6= Kristian Jones (Cow) 2:40.0; 8 Regan Poole (St Cy) 2:43.6; 9 Alex Love (Cow) 2:43.7; 18 Luke Dawe (St RichG) 2:53.9; 20 Gavin Lewis (Bro M) 2:54.2; 23 Josh Kemp (Barry) 2:56.3; 28 William Rees (Bro M) 2:58.6; 30 Harry Lambert (Barry) 2:59.4; 31= Zac Dyer (Stan) 3:01.3; 35 Leban Osman (St Cy) 3:07.8,
1,500: 3 Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 5:19.0; 11 Richard Stephens (St Cy) 5:30.0; 12 Sean Mayor (Barry) 5:30.7; 17 Ellis Rosser (Cow) 5:39.5; 18 Andrew Greenslade (St RichG) 5:41.3; 26 Ruben Bryl (Bro M) 5:48.1; 27 Keelan Jones (Bro M) 5:48.3; 29 Huw Bennett (Cow) 5:52.9; 36 Morgan Davies (St RichG) 6:18.7.
75H: Ht 1: Ws 1.9 2 Luke Swain (Bro M) 16.6; 3 Josh Dawe (St RichG) 16.7; Ht 2: WS 1.4 2 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 14.7; 5 Sam Davies (St RichG) 18.6; Ht 3: Ws 0.7 1 Richard Stephens (St Cy) 14.0; 2 Nicholas Rees (Cow) 16.4; 3 Eric Aydin (Stan) 18.1; 5 Jac Ursell (Stan) 26.6; Ht 5: Ws 3.5 1 Dan Oddy (Cow) 13.2; Ht 6: Ws 0.6 1 Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 14.0; 4 Amin Ullah (Barry) 15.1; A Fin: Ws 2.8 1 Dan Oddy (Cow) 13.4; 2 Richard Stephens (St Cy) 13.7; 3 Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 13.7; B Fin: Ws 1.6 5 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 16.4; C Fin: Ws 3.2 2 Amin Ullah (Barry) 15.5; 3 Cahal Brangham (St Cy) 15.6.
4x100: Ht1: 4 Barry 57.6; 5 St Cyres 62.0; Ht2: 1 Llantwit Major 56.0; 3 Bro Morgannwg 59.8; Ht3: 1 Cowbridge 55.3; 4 Stanwell 58.4; Ht 4: 2 St Richard Gwyn 58.3; A Fin: 2 Cowbridge 55.7; 4 Llantwit Major 56.4; B Fin: 2 Barry 58.3; 3 Stanwell 58.8; 6 St Richard Gwyn 60.9.
1,000 Walk: 5 Cahal Brangham (St Cy) 6:33.5; 9 Toby Walker (Cow) 6:42.2; 10 Dylan Mills (Barry) 6:45.8; 11 Reece McLelland (St Cy) 6:47.6; 12 Iwan Baker (Bro M) 6:48.0; 13 Mabon Evans (Bro M) 6:48.8; 14 John Wardle (Barry) 6:55.7; 16 Kyle Heron (St RichG) 6:59.6; 18 Will Eddy (Barry – ns) 7:01.0; 19 Josh Hopkins (St RichG) 7:01.3.
HJ: 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 1.53 cbp ; 4 Rhys Evans (Bro M) 1.30; 10= Alex Hill (Lwt) 1.20; 12= Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 1.20; 12= Zac Dyer (Stan) 1.20; 15 Gabriel Cleary (Barry) 1.20; 20 Jordan Driscoll (St Cy) 1.15; 29 Luke Swain (Bro M) 1.10; 33 Eric Aydan (Stan) 1.05; 34 Nicholas Rees (Cow) 1.05; 35 Josh Hopkins (St RichG) 1.05.
LJ: 3 Joseph Treharne (Cow) 4.47; 4 Bradley Abraham (Lwt) 4.37; 5 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 4.30; 11 Alex Hill (Lwt) 4.06; 12 Luke Swain (Bro M) 4.03; 17 Cahal Brangham (St Cy) 3.84; 18 Christian Jones (Cow) 3.82; 21 Josh Gibson (St RichG) 3.77; 23 Jordan Driscoll (St Cy) 3.74; 25 David Konstantinou (Stan) 3.67; 28 Ben Tanner (Stan) 3.63; 34 Kyle Heron (St RichG) 3.50; 39 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 3.30.
SP: 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 10.04; 6 Matthew Osbourne (Barry) 7.44; 10 Kieron Webber (St RichG) 7.11; 14 Cai Thompson (Barry) 6.98; 20 Nathan Robson (Cow) 6.75; 24 Jack Pickford (St Cy) 6.50; 25 Shaun Jones (Bro M) 6.46; 28 Edward Drake (Stan) 6.17; 29 Jac Davies (Bro M) 6.13; 34 Callum Gully (St RichG) 5.80; 39 Aaron Randle (St Cy) 5.46.
DT: 2 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 21.25; 5 Craig Boxall (Cow) 17.88; 6 Kelly Deguzman (St Cy) 16.49; 10 Julian Buzzwell (Lwt) 15.54; 14 Owen Gibbons (Bro M) 14.24; 16 Will Eddy (Barry) 13.06; 21 Joshua Dace (St RichG) 11.03.
JT: 1 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 34.92; 5 Lewis Adams (St Cy) 24.75; 9 Callum Gully (St RichG) 21.94; 11 Michael Andrew (Cow) 20.54; 12 Julian Boswell (Lwt - ns) 20.35; 16 Fabian Britten (Barry) 18.84; 22 Iwan Baker (Bro M) 14.99; 24 Ben Tanner (Stan) 13.83.
Team: 2 Cowbridge 149.5; 7 Barry 110.5; 8 Llantwit 91.5; 10 St Cyres 76; 13 Bro Morgannwg 43; 14 St Richard Gwyn 39; 19 Stanwell 25.5.
Year-7 Girls' Championships – 100: Ht 1: 4 Evie Carter (Bro M) 16.3; 6 Alisha Thomas (St RichG) 16.9; Ht 2: 3 Kerys Jenkins (Bro M) 15.8; 5 Rebecca Gill (St RichG) 16.4; Ht 3: 2 Ellie Bishop (Cow) 14.9; 6 Sally Wheatley (St Cy) 17.0; Ht 4: 2 Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cow) 14.9; 4 Emily Hill (St Cy) 15.3; Ht 5: 2 Molly Brown (Lwt) 14.7; 3 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 14.9; 4 Emma Davies (Stan) 15.2; Ht 6: 1 Megan James (Bryn H) 15.0; 3 Tehina Baker (Lwt) 15.3; Ht 7: 2 Tizzie Birch-hurst (Stan) 15.6; A Fin: 3 Ellie Bishop (Cow) 14.6; 4 Molly Brown (Lwt) 14.7; B Fin: 3 Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cow) 15.3; 4 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 15.4; 6 Megan James (Bryn H) 15.6; C Fin: 3 Emma Davies (Stan) 15.5; 5 Tehina Baker (Lwt) 15.7.
200: Ht 1: 2 Kerys Jenkins (Bro M) 32.1; 3 Hayley Stroud (Stan) 32.5; 4 Alex Hopkins (Bryn H) 33.8; 5 Jessica Mitchell (Lwt) 34.3; 6 Alesha O'Connor (St RichG) 34.4; Ht 2: 4 Hanna Davies (Bro M) 36.2; 6 Alix Goodfellow (Bryn H) 41.1; Ht 3: 6 Georgia Green (St Cy) 36.3; Ht 4: 5 Manlan Tse (St Cy) 35.8; Ht 5: 1 Ambra John (St RichG) 30.7; 2 Tamara Pitt (Lwt) 31.3; 3 Brooke Langton (Cow) 31.8; Ht 6: 2 Sally Gambling (Cow) 32.3; Ht 7: ; 3 Hazel Doran (Stan) 32.7; A Fin: 3 Amber John (St RichG) 30.1; 5 Tamara Pitt (Lwt) 31.9; B Fin: 3 Kerys Jenkins (Bro M) 32.4; 5 Sally Gambling (Cow) 32.8; 6 Brooke Langton (Cow) 33.6; C Fin: 1 Hazel Doran (Stan) 32.4; 5 Hayley Stroud (Stan) 33.5.
800: 1 Anastasia Mirza-Davies (Stan) 2:48.3; 2 Kayla Huggins (Bryn H) 2:48.7; 4 Maisie Squire (Stan) 2:50.4; 5 Alice Tudor (Cow) 2:53.0; 8 Mali O'Donnell (Bro M) 3:00.3; 13 Charlotte Webber (Bryn H) 3:05.3; 14 Sally Wheatley (St Cy) 3:08.7; 20 Laurie Thomas (Cow) 3:15.0; 21 Heulwen Hill (St RichG) 3:15.7; 22 Manlan Tse (St Cy) 3:16.1; 24 Megan Davies (Bro M) 3:19.8; 32 Alisha O'Connor (St RichG) 3:36.1.
1,500: 3 Rebbeca Thomas (Cow) 5.58.9; 7 Rikki Dwyer (St Cy) 6.24.0; 9 Georgia Green (St Cy) 6.26.3; 13 Ella Emyr (Cow) 6.31.6; 17 Emily Waite (Stan) 6.42.0; 19 Madison James (St RichG) 6.48.0; 24 Matilda Matthews (Bro M) 7.05.01; 25 Jessica Cushen (Bryn H) 7.07.3; 26 Delana Davies (Bro M) 7.18.9; 28 Bethan Williams (St RichG) 7.42.5.
70H: Ht 1: 2 Ffion Byrne (Bro M) 14.3; 3 Ellie Booth (Bryn H) 14.4; Ht 2: 3 Hanna Davies (Bro M) 15.2; 4 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 15.6; Ht 3: 2 Eve Magowan (Cow) 14.3; 3 Aimee Miller (Lwt) 14.3; 5 Georgia Smith (Stan) 17.6; Ht 4: 3 Evie Williams (Cow) 15.5; 4 Ellie Wenger (Stan) 15.7; 5 Rikki Dwyer (St Cy) 19.3; Ht 5: 2 Emma Young (Lwt) 15.6; 3 Rebecca Gill (St RichG) 15.6; Ht 6: 3 Emilly Hill (St Cy) 14.8; Ht 7: 4 Alisha Thomas (St RichG) 22.0; B Fin: 2 Ffion Byrne (Bro M) 14.5; 5 Eve McGowan (Cow) 14.9; C Fin: 3 Ellie Booth (Bryn H) 14.1; 5 Aimee Miller (Lwt) 14.4.
4x100: Ht1: 1 Bryn Hafren 61.9; 2 Bro Morgannwg 63.0; 5 St Cyres 64.7; Ht2: 3 Stanwell 60.2; 5 Llantwit Major 62.5; Ht3: 2 Cowbridge 58.9; 3 St Richard Gwyn 59.6; A Fin: 1 Cowbridge 58.7; 4 St Richard Gwyn 59.4; B Fin: 2 Llantwit Major 60.8; 3 Stanwell 60.9; 5 Bryn Hafren 61.7.
1,000 Walk: 2 Emi Bailey (St RichG) 6:33.0; 3 Katie Shields (Bryn H) 6.33.0; 8 Laurie Thomas (Cow) 6:46.1; 11 Hannah Lister-Sims (Cow) 6:52.9; 16 Amy Caterson (St RichG) nt; 26 Claudia Utley (St Cy) 7:19.1; 27 Caitlin Jones (Cow) nt; 28 Katrina Barker (St Cy) nt.
HJ: 3 Jen Wreeve (St RichG) 1.30; 5= Tamara Pit (Lwt) 1.20; 7 Brooke Langton (Cow) 1.20; 10 Emi Bailey (St RichG) 1.20; 12= Matilda Matthews (Bro M) 1.15; 15= Caitlin Jones (Cow) 1.15; 20 Betsan Jones (Bro M) 1.10; 21= Jessica Cushion (Bryn H) 1.10; 23= Carian O'Toole (Lwt) 1.10; 26= Ellie Booth (Bryn H) 1.05; 33= Georgia Atkinson (Stan) 1.00; 36 Sally Wheatley (Stan) 1.00.
LJ: 1 Jen Watt (St RichG) 4.24; 2 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 3.97; 3 Olivia Hainzelou (Stan) 3.92; 6 Molly Brown (Lwt) 3.73; 7 Tamara Pit (Lwt) 3.73; 10 Rebecca Thomas (Cow) 3.68; 14 Ffion Burn (Bro M) 3.44; 17 Brooke Langton (Cow) 3.40; 19 Hannah Davies (Bro M) 3.31; 20 Rebecca Rahman (Stan) 3.30; 25 Olivia Yarr (St RichG) 3.17; 35 Abbie Hammett (Bryn H) 2.80; 37 Claudia Utley (St Cy) 2.50; 38 Rikki Dwyer (St Cy) 2.26.
SP: 1 Paige Williams (Cow) 7.65; 4 Georgia Morgan (St Cy) 6.87; 6 Amber Roberts (St RichG) 6.60; 8 Shellie May (Cow) 6.53; 10 Carriann O'Toole (Lwt) 6.49; 13 Ellie Pritchard (Bro M) 6.14; 16 Lily Webb (Stan) 6.04; 17 Olivia Insole (Bro M) 6.01; 23 Milly Williams (Stan) 5.69; 25 Ruth May (Lwt) 5.67; 33 Megan Hopkins (Bryn H) 5.28; 35 Mollie Lewis (St RichG) 5.03; 36 Katrina Barker (St Cy) 4.98; 39 Morgan Davies-Jones (Bryn H) 4.77.
DT: 2 Mally O'Donnell (Bro M) 16.15; 5 Emma Llewellyn (Stan) 14.91; 6 Ruth May (Lwt) 14.54; 12 Megan McNamee (Cow) 12.63; 15 Katrina Barker (St Cy) 11.14; 19 Megan Hopkins (Bryn H) 10.22; 20 Mollie Lewis (St RichG) 8.43.
JT: 2 Hannah Lister-Sims (Cow) 18.32; 3 Tizzie Birch-Hurst (Stan) 18.19; 10 Emma Young (Lwt) 15.10; 12 Katie Shields (Bryn H) 12.49; 13 Danielle Kerslake (Bro M) 12.36; 14 Georgia Morgan (St Cy) 12.00; 19 Amy Caterson (St RichG) 6.23.
Teams: 1 Cowbridge 166; 7 Llantwit 97.5; 9 St Richard Gwyn 92; 10 Stanwell 85; 12 Bryn Hafren 75; 14 Bro Morgannwg 60.5; 16 St Cyres 39.

Report: PETER MORRIS
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Start of the 800 metres time trial in which Ana Mirza-Davies (Stanwell number 22) set the fastest time to claim the title.

The final change for the Cowbridge squad which won the A final of the 4x100 relay.

Members of the Llantwit team which finished seventh.

Vale Show celebrates our rural heritage, and there's the chance to meet old friends!

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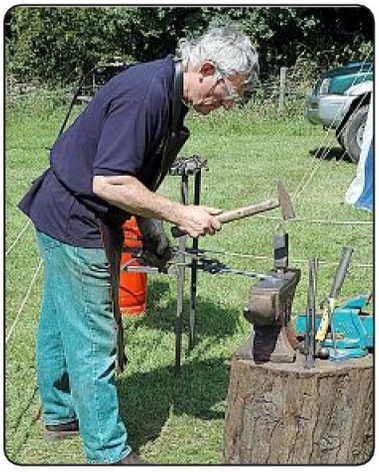

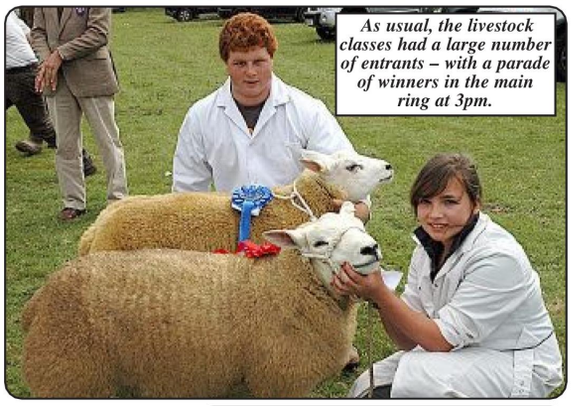

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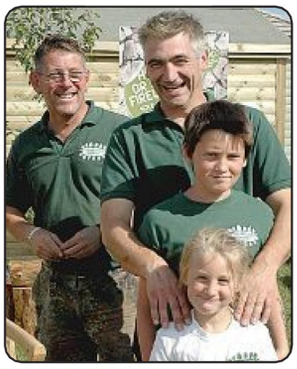

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05 **55 FORD Street Ka 1.6 Luxury 2-dr Convertible.** In French blue with ebony black leather interior, air con, cd, quick clear front screen, only 21,720 miles **£5,995**

04 **04 TOYOTA MR2 1.8 VVTi 140 6-spd** in sable grey met with Santa Monica leather, alloy wheels, chrome roll over bar, wind deflector, cd, alarm and immobiliser, only 49,750 miles **£7,495**

04 **54 AUDI A3 2.0TDi Sport 3-dr Hatchback.** In crystal blue with matrix black cloth/leather, cd, alloy wheels, climate control, electronic stability programme, only 64,000 miles..... **£9,995**

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04 **04 FORD Ka 1.6 Sport 3-dr Hatchback.** Magnum grey with streetline dark interior, colour coded bumpers, front fog lights, electric windows, alloy wheels, cd, only 40,955 miles **£3,895**

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Barry seconds earn a hard fought victory

Barry 2nd XV	**24**
Lampeter 2nd XV	**22**

BARRY 2ND XV began their season's warm-up with a tough game against Lampeter at home in this eagerly anticipated tie.

With Barry finishing last season strongly, the home side were keen to continue with that momentum and began brightly.

Attempting to keep the ball alive as much as possible, the backline sizzled, under the direction of stand-off Hywel Graham.

It was the number 10's break deep into opposition territory that allowed Barry to get on the scoreboard first, with Andrew Houldey picking up the pieces to drive over. The reliable boot of Adam Lee added the extras.

Lampeter, however, were not just here to make up the numbers.

They boasted a powerful pack which they utilised expertly, and by keeping the ball in the tight they gained territory effectively. Some good Barry defending was not enough as they drove through to score.

The conversion was missed.

Realising the opposition's strength, the home side sent on veteran Gavyn Elsworth to strengthen the tight five, and tried to release ball quicker to the backs.

Ben Taylor raced clear to score in the corner at one point, only for the touch judge to disallow it for going out of play.

Grantley Harris, who was outstanding throughout with his ball-carrying and elusive pace, made up for it minutes later as he danced through to score under the posts, and Lee's conversion was a formality.

With the score 14-5 at half-time, Ben Hitchcock was brought on in place of Lloyd Dutton for his final game for Barry before his retirement.

It was, however, the away side who touched down first in the second period, as loanee Alyn Evans raced past the despairing home defence to score in the corner.

Once again the extras were not added.

Sharp incursions in midfield by Harris, Luke Bounds and substitute Ashley Adams were causing havoc in the away defence, and when Adams sent Hitchcock through he seemed destined to score in his final game, only to be held up on the line.

Soon after Bounds did get himself on the scoresheet with another probing run, but the conversion was missed.

The away side attempted to rally but were lacking in fresh legs for the latter part of the game, and had to 'borrow' further players from Barry.

Ashley Brown took advantage and stormed through several tackles to ground another unconverted try.

With the game seemingly lost for Lampeter, they redoubled their efforts and found themselves deep in Barry territory, and were rewarded with two late tries.

The score was 24-22 when another loanee, Danny Ryan, stepped up for the conversion, but unfortunately this was missed, giving Barry their first victory of the season in a finely contested game.

Team: Lee; D Williams, Harris, Bounds, Taylor; Dimond (c), Graham; Houldey, Turnbull, Brown; Dutton, Case; Barclay, Jones, Rolfe; Subs (for Barry): Adams, Chow, J. Williams, Elsworth, O'Sullivan, Manley, Hitchcock, Tobin, Harrison, C. Thomas, Haigh; Subs (for Lampeter): Ryan, Jason Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Alyn Evans, Alex Evans, Bergeron, Hollister.

Man-of-the-match: Harris.

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ABOVE:
Andrew Selby, training at GB boxing's base at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in Sheffield, holds the boxing stamp.

Barry boxer unveils the next stamp in Olympic series

A BARRY boxer has helped launch the second of Royal Mail's London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games stamps.

Andrew Selby, who won a bronze medal at the European Amateur Boxing Championships in Moscow, was picked out to represent his sport at the launch event.

The stamps mark a key milestone in the countdown – two years to the opening ceremony to the Olympic Games.

"The latest stamp issue, subtitled 'On Track for 2012' features a fresh set of 10 dynamic images championing Olympic and Paralympic sports.

In total Royal Mail will issue 30 first class stamps in the run-up to the games. The stamps feature established sports such as hockey, boxing and football, and more recent additions including Tae Kwon Do, and BMX cycling.

ATHLETIC'S PG2 SIDE STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT

BARRY ATHLETIC'S PG2 side stole the spotlight last Saturday with an impressive 81 shots to 58 win against Windsor, Penarth at Barry Island.

The Athletic triumphed on three rinks to collect 12 vital points and continue their push for promotion.

Highlight of the win, giving the Island squad the double over the visitors, was the exciting form of skip Billy Wright and his bowlers.

With lead Eric Booker maintaining his accuracy in an outstanding season, Alan Thomas and Albert Mintern adding excellent support.

Billy's rink raced to a 22-4 score after 11 ends and eventually came home with a 33-16 success.

Skip Ivor Stevenson produced a number of saving shots in a confident display on his rink to help his lineup to a comfortable 18-9 win, while Colin Spillane's squad battled well for a 16-14 win.

The Athletics PG2 team remain in the top two in their division with their closing rearranged fixtures - against Ystradfechan, Barry Plastics and title challengers Aberdare Harlequins – all at home in the next four weeks.

The first team, also in the chase for promotion in the PG1 section, suffered a surprise defeat at Ely Valley last Saturday, beaten 77 shots to 95.

Geoff Whittaker's bowlers won on two rinks to pick up four points but there were heavy defeats for skips Chris Blake (8-36) and Glyn Thomas (16-35).

Robert Horgan (31-13) and Dean Rees (22-11) were the winning rinks for Athletic.

Robert's rink, featuring a trio of young players in Luke Stanley, Dan Jones and Kristian Harris, produced great bowling, collecting a six, five and two fours on their scorecard!

Tractor run for charity

THERE will be a vintage tractor run on Sunday, October 17 in aid of Macmillan Cancer support on Ogmore Castle field from 11.15am.

Entries close on October 11. Entrance fee (£10 per tractor) and sponsorship money – please make cheques payable to 'Macmillan Cancer support'; and send to Basil George, Ivy Cottage, Ogmore village, Vale of Glamorgan CF32 0QP.

The route is eight miles and will travel from the castle, finishing at the Pelican Inn, Ogmore Village.

Romilly bowlers are in 'sparkling' form

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club entertained Llantrisant Bowling Club at Romilly Park on Saturday for their 1st division match.

Despite a tricky green and a few rain showers the Romilly boys were in sparkling form and won the match convincingly.

Jeff Wright's rink of G Trepleton, D Bannister and G Cogbill were the hotshots of the match and won this rink 35-12.

They overwhelmed their opponents with a couple of 5s and plenty of 3s to reduce the Llantrisant players to just six ends.

Dave Wright's rink of R Cowling, K Clements and G Eastment had a powerful game and also reduced their opponents to just six ends. They led from start to finish and won this rink 28-9.

Alan Bryan's rink of J Jones, A. Freeman and M Gershenson led from start to finish and were never under pressure from their opponents with Romilly boys going on to win this rink 19-13.

Bryan Foscolo's rink of M Newman, P Gershenson and G Rees drew the short straw against a strong Llantrisant rink. Romilly led 8-5 after six ends but struggled to keep up with their opponents and lost the rink 18-22.

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Players invite

HOLTON ROAD FC is looking for new players, so if your child is between the ages of six and 10 there could be a place for them.

If you are interested and would like more information do not hesitate to contact the secretary, Sarah Thompson on 07792 344123.

Charity day a success

A VERY successful fundraising golf day and auction was hosted by club captain Ade Hawkins and lady captain Sally Hopkins.

Thirteen teams of four players took part with much support coming from visiting teams, and while the weather was kind to the early starters, conditions became challenging as the day progressed.

An excellent display of golf was seen with the triumphant team made up of RAF St Athan GC members, Russ Brooke, BJ Hawkins, Andrew Keys and junior Kyle Harman, returning a score of 117 stableford points.

Second place went to Liz Thomas, Ann Power, Jayne Williams and Celia Grey-Scott. (RAF St Athan) – 112 points, while third place went to Dan Peters' team from N-Power – 110 points.

Following the competition, a raffle and auction was held in the clubhouse boosting the total raised to a staggering £1,780.

This is to be shared equally between Velindre Hospital (captain's chosen charity) and Hope in our Heart (lady captain's charity, raising money for specialist heart equipment in memory of Hope Thomas).

Ade and Sally would like to thank the golf club, its members and friends who made donations, as well as the local business community for their kind generosity.

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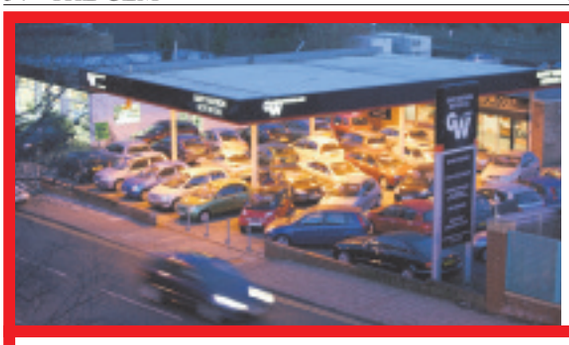

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SO NEAR, AND YET SO FAR...

Cowbridge firsts fall just short in nail-biting match

ON Saturday, Cowbridge First XI travelled to Aberdare for a crucial league fixture.

This rain-affected, but enthralling, match was eventually lost by 20 runs. It was in the balance until the last ball was bowled, and a collective sigh of relief was audible from the home players and supporters at the end.

The home skipper won the toss and decided to bat and his team scored 209 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in 47 overs, with three overs lost to rain.

Again Lloyd Bishop (4-63) was the most successful bowler. Tom Merilaht (2-49) and Nick Davies (2-57) took the other wickets, with a run-out to account for the other.

Once again, classy fielding was to the fore: Elliot Swallow was efficiency personified, no byes conceded and a sharp stumping, Rob Carney (two catches) was a revelation at first slip with his lightning reactions, and there were safe hands from Nick Davies (one catch), and Mike Lloyd (one catch).

Mark Walton (69) and Tim Griffiths (54) scored most of the runs for Aberdare.

To score 210 runs for victory on a damp wicket in Aberdare was a tall order, but it was commendable, and exciting, to see this young side going for it from the start, rather than just batting out the overs to deny the home side a win.

It was satisfying to see other players scoring runs and trying to get that victory after the early return of Tom Merilaht (12) and Mike Lloyd (15) to the pavilion.

Rob Carney (25), Elliot Swallow (32), Adam Wood (30), and Lloyd Bishop (25) all contributed to the total.

However, Chris Willey (27) deserves special mention for his gutsy batting after injuring his knee while fielding. Rob Carney did his running for him, fortunately without mishap, as on times such situations can be chaotic.

It is an undeniable fact that they fell short and lost this match, but at least they tried and played exciting cricket in the circumstances that creates optimism for the future.

This young group of players thoroughly enjoy their cricket, win or lose, and this, in no small part, is due to the high morale and team spirit engendered by the skipper, Tom Merilaht.

They may not gain promotion this year, but it's only a matter of time before that happens.

Next weekend, the First XI travels to Morriston.

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1840 Cup

ON Sunday, a representative team made up of First XI and Second XI players travelled to Newbridge Fields to play an equivalent team representing Bridgend Town Cricket Club in the annual match for the 1840 Cup.

The 40-over match ended in an enthralling tie with both sides scoring 167 runs.

A Cowbridge XI batted first, with Michael Lloyd (80) and Elliot Swallow (51 not out) responsible for the bulk of the runs. For Bridgend, Mike Jones (3-15) and Chris Bushell (3-23) were the main wicket takers.

At 91-2 in 25 overs and going strongly, it looked odds-on a Bridgend victory, but a spell of brilliant bowling by Chris Willey at the death, some stunning catches on the boundary by Nick Davies (two) and Michael Lloyd (two), an excellent stumping from Elliot Swallow, followed by a bullet throw from Rhydian Harris to effect a run-out, snatched the game from the jaws of defeat.

Chris Willey (4-24), James Thomas (2-49) and Tom Merilaht (2-30) claimed the wickets for Cowbridge and Mike Jones (55) and David Goodway (29) scored the bulk of the runs for Bridgend.

After such a fine game of cricket, played in excellent spirit, it was fitting that the Cup was shared.

Cowbridge Second XI

COWBRIDGE, buoyed by last week's performance against Briton Ferry, were hopeful of chalking up a further victory last Saturday against struggling Aberdare.

On a beautiful day and conscious that the wicket looked flat and true, Aberdare, on winning the toss, had no hesitation in batting first.

However, an excellent bowling and fielding performance by Cowbridge dashed Aberdare's initial confidence of posting a sizeable total. Alex Kurobasa and Jamie Pursey led the Cowbridge attack and neither disappointed, restricting Aberdare to only 50 runs off the first 25 overs.

At this point, Aberdare must have realised that they would have to push on to post a total that would be defendable, but any hope of this was wrecked by the efforts of the dependable duo of Harri Collier and Jamie Thomas.

The Aberdare batsmen simply could not cope against the persistent good bowling from both Harri and Jamie. Through excellent control of line and length, the Aberdare batsmen came and went at regular intervals and the run rate stalled, resulting in Aberdare only posting 124 off their 50 overs.

This was an exemplary performance by Jamie, 1 for 35 off his 15 overs and Harri, with a quite outstanding 5 for 38.

Mention must also be made of the Cowbridge fielding, which was of a high standard, especially Sam Walter, George Gibson and Jack Faulkner. They performed admirably, having made the step up to Second XI cricket.

Readers will be aware that last week Cowbridge were only set a total of 60 runs to secure victory and their batting 'wobbled' slightly and, without wishing to sound repetitive, despite only needing 125 to win things did not go as smoothly for Cowbridge as the captain would have wished.

Despite the loss of an early wicket, matters seemed to be progressing nicely, with Sam Wood and Alex Kurobasa building a partnership, until Sam was out for 15.

Jonty Webb joined Alex at the wicket and the score continued to rise until Jonty departed, with Chris Ross picking up the mantle of pushing the score closer to the total.

However, it was at this point that four wickets went down in the space of a couple of overs, including Alex's for an excellent 51 runs. With the score at 115 for 7, Aberdare scented the chance to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat and nerves were beginning to jangle among the Cowbridge team.

However, as in the past, the skipper should not have been worried as the multi-talented Harri Collier, aided by Jack Faulkner, scored the final 10 runs to secure the win.

This was a deserved victory after a fine collective performance from the side. It was also a game where two notable performances need emphasising. Alex Kurobasa's runs were invaluable to the victory and the exploits of Harri Collier, with bat and ball, cannot be overstated.

With two games left in the season, Cowbridge are hopeful of maintaining this good form at home against Morriston next Saturday.

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WI bowls treat

AS part of the celebrations of its 50th Anniversary, Llantwit Major Bowls Club invited several local organisations to come along and sample the game of bowls.

The weather was a little on the chilly side but the rain held off and perhaps the cream tea which followed helped to influence their opinion!

The West Wales XI find it a struggle against Port Talbot

BATTING frailties again dogged Cowbridge West Wales XI as they were set a massive target to chase at Port Talbot last Saturday.

Acting skipper Guy Parker inserted the home side who, after a slow start, took advantage of some dropped catches to pass the 170-mark before their first wicket fell to Sean Rowland.

Had they broken the opening partnership sooner, it may well have been a different story, as the remainder of the Port Talbot batsmen only added a further 40-odd runs for the loss of eight wickets.

Skipper Guy was the most successful bowler with 5 for 62, backed up by Nat Eliot Green with 3 for 32. Port Talbot finished all out for 225 which at least gave the visitors maximum bowling points.

In reply, wickets soon began to tumble and it was obvious that a draw was the best they could hope for when the score reached 44 for 6.

Opener Jon Brazier hung around for nearly 30 overs but was eventually out, caught behind for 17. With no other batsmen posting double figures, it was down to a brave last-wicket stand lasting 12 overs between Rob Kyriakides and Hasim Shami who lasted until only three balls to go – before Rob was harshly adjuged lbw and Cowbridge were dismissed for 60.

Despite another defeat, team morale remains good and with only two fixtures of the season remaining, they can end on a winning note and look forward to a better 2011 season.

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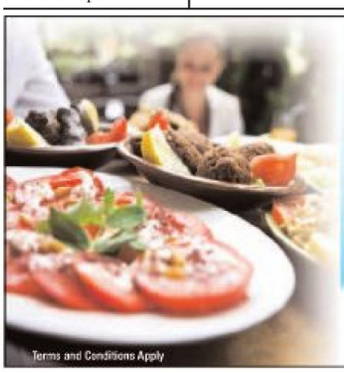

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